

Cloudy and colder tonight; Friday fair and colder; westerly winds.

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## CALLS MURDER OF MRS. SMALL ONE OF FOULEST IN ANNALS OF CRIME

LOWELL, N. H., Dec. 28.—The case upon which is based the state's charge that Frederick L. Small strangled and shot his wife, Mrs. Florence A. Small, afterword arranging the fire which almost destroyed evidence of the crime, was continued today to the jury by County Solicitor Walter H. Hill. His summary of the prosecution's material indicated that testimony not previously made public would be brought out.

Testimony by Small to kill his wife and arrange treatment of her, would be related, he said. The insurance policy of \$20,000 obtained by Small as a joint instrument covering the lives of both and payable to the survivor, was emphasized as a link in the circumstantial chain. Wires, spark plugs and alarm clock parts which were found in the basement of the cottage would be the subject of testimony of witnesses, regarding their possible use in connection with starting the fire, the solicitor stated.

The told the jurors also of an inventory of the contents of the cottage, in response to the invitation of the

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## OLD PAWTUCKET BRIDGE IS "BURNING" DOWN

Today the National Engineering corporation started to take down the last of the old iron bridge at Pawtucket, N. H., and before the end of the week it is expected that all the temporary superstructure will have been cleared away. Already the heavier timber has been removed and the bridge begins to look like the completed structure.

The sidewalk on the up river side has been finished for some weeks and is being used by the people of Pawtucket, N. H., as freely as that of the old structure and the sidewalk on the down river side is completed, with the exception of a small portion.

In response to the invitation of the

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## EIGHT ALLIED AEROPLANES DESTROYED

REPLIN, Dec. 28. By wireless to Saville—Eight aeroplanes were lost by the entente allies in yesterday's fighting on the western front, the war office announced today.

## HEARING ON CHARGES AGAINST PATROLMAN

This afternoon at 2:30 o'clock a hearing was held in the mayor's office, city hall, in the case of Patrolman Hubert Goldrick who had been complained of by Superintendent of Police Redmond Welch for alleged violation of rule 19.

## DEATHS

**BALOS**—Peter Balos, a prominent business man of Market street, died today at his home, 471 Market street, aged 62 years. He leaves his wife and a son. The body was removed to the funeral parlors of Undertakers C. H. Molloy's Sons.

**GET \$800,000 BONDS**  
If "summer, please" comes over the wife in tones more sweetly dulcet than usual for the next few days, it may well be attributed to the generous bonus aggregating \$800,000, which the telephone company distributed yesterday to its employees. About all of the nearly 15,000 workers came in for a share of the moolah.

The company made the gift, recognizing the soaring cost of living for girls will be girls and must have pretty things to wear and also as an indication of its good will toward its employees.

It was payday and the amount of the individual bonus was enclosed in an envelope.

## HOTEL NAPOLI

Friend St., Boston  
Table D'Hotel Lunch, 11 to 3.....50c  
Table D'Hotel Dinner, 5 to 9.....75c  
Daily Combinations.....45c  
Signor Palladino's Orchestra  
Open Till Midnight

## CHALIFOUX'S ON THE SQUARE

## CLOTHES WITH "GO" IN THEIR EVERY LINE!

Heavy clothes for these chilly days, you bet. But heavy clothes with snappy lines are hard to get. Yet you want snappy lines. And that's where we ring in, right there, with brisk winter clothes that make the crisp days of snow and ice enjoyable. We are here to fit you out with snappy suits and overcoats that will hold their shape.

James E. O'Donnell, Mayor of Lowell.

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## U. S. TROOPS REPLY TO SHOTS FIRED ACROSS MEXICAN BORDER

## Kentucky Guardsmen Fire Several Hundred Shots Across Rio Grande into Mexico—Carranza's Answer to United States Demands

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 28.—Several hundred shots were fired across the Rio Grande into Mexico from here today by members of the Kentucky National Guard whose officers declared that the fusillade was a reply to shots fired from the Mexican side. So spirited was the American fire that residents of the district thought a machine gun was being used but this was denied by the Kentucky officers. There were no known casualties.

Capt. F. W. Clarke, in command of L. company, Third Kentucky Infantry, which did the firing, affirmed that he not only heard shots and flashes on the Mexican side but also saw some Mexicans when the headlight of a street car crossing the bridge lighted the bed of the river below.

"About four shots were fired at our detached post when one of the men struck a match to light a cigarette," said Capt. Clarke. "The detachment had fired fifteen shots when we joined in. I made out several men afoot and on horseback running up the river gorge.

Firing seemed to come from several points. We kept up our fire until we were sure the Mexican were driven well out. Several hundred shots were fired by us."

## CARRANZA'S ANSWER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Luis Carranza, chairman of the Mexican commission, arrived here from New York this morning bearing the answer of Carranza to the demand of the American representatives that he ratify or repudiate the protocol signed at Atlantic City. He made telegraphic arrangements last night with Secretary Lane to submit the answer today. The character of Carranza's reply has not been revealed but it was generally believed it was another suggestion for modification and contained the insistence that the American troops in Mexico be withdrawn unconditionally.

It has been understood here for several days that if Carranza did not return such an answer as would warrant

a reassembling of the commission the negotiations would be declared ended and that Carranza's ambassador, Eliseo Arredondo, would return to Mexico leaving the embassy in charge of a confidential agent. This would not amount to a severance of diplomatic relations because in a strict sense there never have been any. Such a turn of course would prevent sending Henry P. Fletcher, American ambassador designate, to Mexico City and in short, the situation would return to the point it occupied before the commission negotiations began.

## Denies Being Recalled

Mr. Arredondo today unqualifiedly denied published reports that he been recalled. "It is absolutely untrue that I have been recalled by my government," said he. "I do not know if the government is contemplating summoning me. If it should occur as it did a few weeks ago it would not be in the nature of my withdrawal from my post."

## GERMANY LOOKS TO UNITED STATES TO BRING PEACE

## Kaiser Willing to Impart Terms in Confidential Manner if it is Absolutely Necessary to a Conference

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Germany, it is stated authoritatively, was made known here today, will never be believed that acting alone she would be able to bring about a conference and now that the influence of neutrals has been brought to bear for one, the German officials have taken their view a step further and believe they cannot be successful without assistance of the United States. They believe that the United States, in view of its vital interest in the settlement of the war, would not come necessary to do so to bridge the gap which threatens to prevent a gathering of peace delegates. There were broad intimations today that a statement of this position by Germany either had been communicated to the United States government or soon would be.

The official text of Germany's reply to President Wilson's note arrived today. It was declared that no confidential communication from Ambassador Gerard accompanied it. There are indications, however, that a confidential statement of Germany's position, if made, would come through the ambassador. It has been announced in advance, however, that it would not be made public and it is likely that its receipt even would not be admitted.

Germany, it was said today, is looking to the United States to make every effort to bring about a peace conference and to that end is ready to consider any suggestions from the president. As the case stands now, the German government considers it has that he felt a conference would remedy all the suggestions in the president's note and a statement to that effect has been made by Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador.

Germany's position is represented as one of willingness to impart terms in a confidential manner but that it is absolutely necessary to a conference, but still preferring to reserve them for presentation at a round table where they could be discussed with more freedom.

## OFFICIAL TEXT OF NOTE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The official text of Germany's reply to President Wilson's note was received here early today. So far as was known it was accompanied by any other communication.

The official text which differs some in phraseology from the unofficial follows: "The imperial government has accepted and considered in the friendly spirit which is apparent in the communication of the president, the noble initiative of the president looking to the creation of bases for the foundation of a lasting peace. The president discloses the aim which lies next to his heart and leaves the choice of the way open. A direct exchange of views appears to the imperial government as the most suitable way of arriving at the desired result. The imperial government has the honor, therefore, in the sense of its declaration of the 12th instant which offered the hand for peace negotiations, to propose specifically negotiations on neutral ground, of delegates of the warring states. It is also the view of the imperial government that the great work for the prevention of future wars can be first taken up only after the ending of the present conflict of exhaustion.

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## ALDERMAN DONNELLY RAISES WAGES AND REPLIES TO MAYOR

Replying to Mayor O'Donnell's criticism, published yesterday, relating to increases made by Commissioner Donnelly in his department, the commissioner today gave out the following statement:

"I have just a word to say regarding the criticism published in the papers relative to the increases in the messenger's department, namely—that I am glad that only the increase of one person meets with disfavor. It could hardly be expected that any action would receive unanimous approval. I can say, however, that I acted with the best intentions and believe the persons benefited by the increase deserve this recognition and that the amounts are too small to receive such great publicity.

"That the public may know I do not desire to conceal my action, I wish you would say that I have also increased many of those employed in the building department. Until recently most of the tradesmen and laborers employed by this department were working 18 hours each week. The masons and helpers, however, worked 44 hours each week. With this arrangement part of the force was working 44 hours and the other part 48 hours. This proved most unsatisfactory. The union schedule of the building trades in this city is 44 hours to constitute a week's work. Therefore I have placed the department on this basis and that the men might not suffer a loss in weekly wages by the loss of four hours' time I have increased the rate per hour in each case a few cents. Carpenters will receive \$3.50 instead of \$3.20 per day, while the present street scale is \$4.00 per day. Painters formerly paid \$2.50 and \$2.75 will receive \$2.75 and \$3.00 per day. One painter will be increased from \$3.50 to \$3.85 per day. Another painter will receive \$3.00, increased from \$2.75 per day. The teamster has been increased from \$2.50 to \$2.75 per day. The boss of laborers has been increased from \$3.00 to \$3.30 per day. Laborers formerly receiving \$2.25 and \$2.50 will be paid \$2.50 and \$2.75 per day.

"While many are benefited by this readjustment of hours and the slight increase in wages, I have estimated that the total increase affecting over 40 employees will increase the expenses of the department to less than \$1000 for the year.

"Even this slight increase in wage paid in each instance is below the standard paid in private business. I believe I have acted with fairness in what I have done and feel that conditions warrant the slight increases given."

## CARNIVOROUS PRISONER IN POLICE COURT

The assault occurred at the home of Andrew Stanislawski, brother of the complainant, on the night of Saturday, December 2. Although Joseph admitted being guilty of two charges, drunkenness and assault and battery, the evidence surrounding the trouble was submitted to the court on the question of sentence.

Patrolman Patrick N. Bagley arrested and Life long friend of Joseph

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## MISSING VESSEL HAS ARRIVED AT BLOCK ISLAND

BLACK ISLAND, R. I., Dec. 28.—The new Clyde line steamship Ozama for which four coast guard cutters had been searching along the New England coast, anchored inside the breakwater here today. Her coal supply was low but the vessel was apparently undamaged, according to word brought ashore by fishermen. The Ozama left Portland last Thursday for New York and had not been heard from until she appeared here. It is believed she was blown to scum by the storms of the past week.

Minor & Doyle, Associate Hall, Fri.

## WORK ON SCHOOL ADDITION IS PROGRESSING

Daniel H. Walker, the general contractor for the Pawtucket school addition, is pushing the work along very rapidly and in a manner especially pleasing to Commissioner James E. Donnelly and to Architect Percy E. Gilbert. The masons are now ready to lay back above the second story and had it not been for the set back on account of the recent storms and the continued cold and unfavorable weather, it is safe to say that the carpenters would be laying roof timbers by this time.

Mr. Walker, from the beginning, was handicapped in getting an early start on the new work because of work that positively had to be done in the old boiler room, and on the new 200 ton underground coal pocket, which is located in the connecting space of the school yard between the old and the new building, the foundations of which are considerably deeper than, and interlock with the foundations of the new building and the old building.

This work involved excavating the old 26x44 foot boiler room 5 1/2 feet deeper; underpinning its surrounding walls and also the old walls adjacent

## Stock Market Notes

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Liquidation in fairly large volume accompanied today's opening dealings in stocks, the movement being attributed to the latest European developments and the Mexican situation. Losses of 1 to over 5 points were recorded by most leaders, other than rails, with heavy losses in the metal group, petroleum, Central Leather, motors and various other specialties. Shipping shares also yielded easily and the better known equipments and munitions were more active than in any similar period of the week.

Stocks were extended during the forenoon, Atlantic, Gulf & West Indies leading with an extreme decline of 7 1/2 points. U. S. Steel yielded 2 1/2, corporates and motors 2 to 3, Industrial Alcohol 1 1/2, leather, paper, petroleum and sugar shares 2 to 4, and minor industrials 2 to 10 cents. The selling also affected rails, prominent issues receding a point or more. Bonds were included in the sell-off, Anglo French 3 1/2 making a new low record at 92 1/2, and Chile Copper 7 1/2 breaking 5 points.

## Cotton Futures

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Cotton futures opened steady, January 17 1/2; March 16 1/2; May 15 1/2; July 15 1/2; October 14 1/2.

## Exchanges

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Exchanges \$367,739,920; balances \$35,550,405.

## Boston Market

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Depression set in with the opening of the local market for copper shares today. A few stocks, Tannack and Old Dominion, sold higher, but most of the list was lower before noon.

Interest starts Saturday, January 6th, at The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank.

Volas, Associate Hall, Fri., Dec. 23.

## FARRELL & CONATON

PLUMBERS, STEAM, GAS AND WATER FITTERS  
243 Dutton St. Tel. 1513

## MIDDLESEX TRUST CO.

INTEREST COMMENCES  
LAST DAY OF MONTH  
4%  
MERRIMACK & PALMER STREETS





# U. S. NATIONAL BANKS GAIN BILLIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Resources of national banks of the United States, Controller Williams announced last night, have increased more than \$4,000,000,000 during the past two years and now aggregate \$15,520,000,000, exceeding by about \$1,000,000,000 the total resources of the Bank of England, the Bank of France, the Bank of Russia, the German Reichsbank, the Bank of Italy, the Bank of Spain, the Bank of the Netherlands, the Bank of Denmark, the National Bank of Belgium, the Imperial Bank of Japan combined.

In a statement based on returns from the last bank call, Nov. 17, the controller calls attention to the fact that the increase has been at the rate of approximately 18 per cent. a year during the past two years, as compared with 6 per cent. a year for the 10-year period from 1904 to 1914, and that the total resources are at present more than double what they were 10 years ago.

"The compilation just completed of returns for the last bank call," the controller's statement reads, "discloses a condition of strength, progress and growth beyond all precedent."

The greatest percentage of increase in the two-year period, the controller states, was in the western states. Geographically, the increase was as follows: New England, 22 per cent.; eastern states, 29 per cent.; southern states, 32 per cent.; middle western states, 31 per cent.; western states, 50 per cent.; Pacific states, 53 per cent. "In this period," the statement says, "the New England and eastern states increased a total of \$2,005,000,000, while the south and west, including the far west, increase \$2,022,000,000."

## WILL EXPLAIN THE NEW TAX LAW

Joseph E. Perry of Boston, attorney for the state tax commissioner and a speaker of wide experience, will give a lecture on the new tax law at Middlesex hall this evening. Mr. Perry is coming to Lowell at the request of the board of trade and will discuss and explain the new law, which goes into effect in this state with the beginning of the new year.

The meeting will open at 8 o'clock and will be for both men and women. The speaker will spend the night in Lowell and will be able to give all the time necessary to answer the questions that may be asked at the conclusion of his address. Mr. Perry will be the collector for Middlesex county and he is the man with whom the Lowell people will deal. This will be the only opportunity afforded to Lowell people to get close to the knotty details of the tax laws and it is hoped the hall will be filled to its capacity.

## \$664,300,000 IN GOLD BROUGHT INTO U.S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Gold valued at \$27,000,000, important from Canada, has been deposited at the sub-treasury here to the amount of J. P. Morgan & Co., it was announced today. This makes a total of \$664,300,000 worth of this metal brought into the United States from all sources since Jan. 1.

## AVALANCHES AND LAND SLIDES CRUSH HOMES

### DESTRUCTION OF VILLAGE OF CHAMPERY THREATENED—TWO MEN KILLED

BERNE, via Paris, Dec. 28.—The destruction of the village of Champéry, a tourist resort in the canton of Valais is threatened by the sudden onset of a number of avalanches coupled with a land slide. Several houses have been crushed and the whole population has evacuated the village. Swiss troops and 200 interned French prisoners of war are working day and night to preserve the rest of the village.

An enormous avalanche has swept many Alpine huts near Siropian Pass, killing two men and many cattle.

### FIRST TRINITARIAN CHURCH

The First Trinitarian Congregational church held its annual meeting last evening with a large attendance. The Rev. C. T. Upton was the moderator and much business was transacted. It was announced on the part of the Brotherhood that a printing press and type for church use had been installed in the basement. Following the formal meeting, refreshments were served by members of the Christian Endeavor society.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Clerk, Walter G. Kitchen; treasurer, Earl P. Farham; deacons for three years, O. A. Brigham and Charles T. Upton; deacons for unexpired term, Walter G. Kitchen, trustees, Joseph C. McGee, Ernest L. Kimball and Mrs. William Alexander; superintendent of the Sunday school, Nelson C. Hill; auditor, Walter G. Kitchen; standing committee, Harriet Wheeler, Jennie Clark and Mrs. Charles E. Cushman; directors of the Sunday school, Mrs. C. T. Upton, Mrs. G. E. Ames, Mrs. R. P. Farham, Mrs. J. C. McGee and Mrs. Mary French; committee on state of church, Mrs. L. P. Farham, Mrs. J. C. McGee and Mrs. Lawrence Keizer; discipline committee, Mrs. Cushman, Mrs. Abbott, H. F. Smith and J. C. McGee; committee on poor, Mrs. William Alexander, Mrs. J. C. McGee and Mrs. Abel Robertson; committee on sick, Mrs. N. C. Hill, Grace Hoyt, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. W. G. Kitchen, Mrs. McShane, Mrs. O. B. Randall, Mrs. Seward and Mrs. L. W. Wilson; committee on new members, Ivy Barker, Charles Barlow, Mrs. M. Merrill, Mrs. Mary Smith, Elizabeth Tiffany, A. E. Wells; delegates to the Amherst association, Mrs. Charles Cushman, Fannie H. Murphy, A. E. Wells, Mrs. Buckley and V. B. Hunt.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

# Sale Starts When Doors Open at 8.30 Friday Morning

CHILDREN'S  
\$2.50 WOOL  
SWEATERS

Colors are navy,  
maroon, and ox-  
ford. TO BE  
SOLD AT.....

1.69

**Chalifoux's**  
ON THE SQUARE  
ESTABLISHED 1877

WOMEN'S \$2.00  
PETTICOATS

Black and colored  
heatherbloom and  
silk petticoats. TO  
BE SOLD AT.....

1.39

# Greatest Suit, Coat, Dress, Waist, Fur and Sweater SALE OF THE YEAR

When we announce this to be the greatest sale of all sales we have held this year, we are fully prepared to meet the responsibility attached to that statement. Considering the Rise in Prices of Merchandise These Values of Merchandise These Values are Extraordinarily Low.

## COATS

WOMEN'S COATS

Values up to \$20. Serviceable and warm coats of heavy mixture velour and other materials. Every garment fully guaranteed. TO BE SOLD AT.....

12.50

WOMEN'S \$22.50  
COATS

A genuine bargain and every one a new model, latest materials. TO BE SOLD AT.....

15.00

WOMEN'S \$22.50 to  
\$27.50 COATS

Many styles of rich broadcloth, velour, zibeline and other wool materials. TO BE SOLD AT.....

18.50

CHILDREN'S \$7.50 to  
\$12.00 COATS

Splendid garments for girls 6 to 14 years, good heavy materials such as chinchilla, zibeline and heavy mixtures. TO BE SOLD AT.....

5.00  
and  
7.50

\$3.00 WHITE AND  
COLORED VOILE  
WAISTS

Counter soiled. TO BE SOLD AT.....

1.00

\$3.00 CORDUROY  
SPORT WAISTS and  
MIDDY BLOUSES

TO BE SOLD AT.....

1.00

\$3 WHITE and COL-  
ORED CREPE DE  
CHINE SAMPLE  
WAISTS

Sizes 36 and 38. TO BE SOLD AT.....

1.00

WOMEN'S SKIRTS

Values up to \$14.50. 80 skirts, some broadcloth of highest grade, others novelty mixtures, checks and stripes. TO BE SOLD AT.....

7.50

## SUITS

WOMEN'S \$22.50  
SUITS

We believe that these suits today cost you less than the unmade material. They come in fine poplin, serge and broadcloth, principally in blues and black. TO BE SOLD AT.....

12.50

WOMEN'S SUITS

Values to \$35. We have set before you good suits at very low prices but never such qualities as these. Almost every material of the better kind and tailored by hands of experts. TO BE SOLD AT.....

18.50

## Furs—Furs—Furs

All of our high grade furs go on sale at prices that give no indication of their great values. Every piece with our guarantee.

\$7.00 and \$8.00 Values.....\$5.98  
\$10.00 Values.....\$7.50  
\$12.00 to \$15.00 Values.....\$9.75  
Others priced.....\$15 to \$50

## SKIRTS

WOMEN'S \$2.98  
SKIRTS

We cannot duplicate this lot of skirts today for less than \$2.98, the material alone is worth the price. TO BE SOLD AT.....

1.79

WOMEN'S \$5.00  
SKIRTS

The materials are principally poplin and serge, all new styles. We consider them extra value at \$5. TO BE SOLD AT.....

3.75

WOMEN'S \$7 to \$8.75  
SKIRTS

Checks, stripes, plain colors and novelty mixtures, including velour checks. A splendid assortment. TO BE SOLD AT.....

4.98

SEE WINDOWS

Nos. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20

## DRESSES

WOMEN'S \$3.00 TUB  
DRESSES

100 in this lot of high grade dresses, guaranteed absolutely fast color in pretty checks and stripes. \$3.00 is a low retail price. TO BE SOLD AT.....

2.39

WOMEN'S \$12.00 to  
\$14.50 SERGE  
DRESSES

High grade dresses, made of high grade serge in pretty styles, in blue and black—A few sizes are missing. TO BE SOLD AT.....

8.50

WOMEN'S SILK  
DRESSES

Values from \$15 to \$22.50. Just 60 at this price, mostly blue and black, a few shades of gray, rose and green, one or two of a style. TO BE SOLD AT.....

10.00

DRESSES AND  
COSTUMES

Values \$14.50 to \$55. We wish to call attention to the exquisite gowns and dresses that are priced at a great saving. TO BE SOLD AT.....

9.75  
to  
30.00

\$3.00 WAISTS

In maize, light blue, Nile and peach colored pussy willow taffeta, all sizes. TO BE SOLD AT.....

2.00

\$5.00 WAISTS

In Georgette crepe, radium lace and crepe de chine. TO BE SOLD AT.....

3.69

WOMEN'S \$4.00 ALL  
WOOL SWEATERS

Made with sailor collar and belt. TO BE SOLD AT.....

2.69

WOMEN'S \$6.00  
SWEATERS

Angora sweaters. TO BE SOLD AT.....

3.98

# NEW GERMAN VICTORY OVER RUSSIAN FORCES

Field Marshal von Mackensen is continuing his sledge hammer blows upon the Russians in northeastern Wallachia and is rapidly pushing them back to the line of the river Sereth in Moldavia. He won a new victory yesterday evening, captured an additional 3000 prisoners.

The most recent attack appears to have scored its greatest success in the region of Rimnik-Sarat on the railway, twenty miles north of Buzau. The Teutonic forces, stampeding the Russians from the new line they had taken up after the failure of a Russian counter attack have pushed forward beyond Rimnik-Sarat. Towards the Danube to the southeast the Russian lines were pierced and the Austro-German forces are advancing northward, in the direction of the important Rumanian grain and oil storehouse of Barila, on the Danube.

Across the Danube from Braila the Germano-Bulgarian-Turkish forces made headway in the attack upon the Matchin bridge head, where the last remaining Russian forces in Dorudja are hanging onto the northwestern corner of the province. Military correspondence reports that the Teutonic divisions on the Dobrudja side at this point are able to reach Braila, which thus is doubtless under heavy fire from the hostile artillery.

On the other war fronts the fighting has been of a minor character. The French on the Somme front have been successful in rather extensive mining operations and report also the repulse

of a German surprise attack on Hill 204, northwest of Verdun. Berlin, in its report on the western front fighting, announces the loss of eight airplanes by the enemy.

**ON RUSSIAN FRONT**  
BERLIN, Dec. 28. By wireless to Sayville.—Patrol activities on the Russian front are reported in today's army headquarters statement on operations in that war area.

**ALLIED ATTACKS FAIL**  
BERLIN, Dec. 28. By wireless to Sayville.—Unsuccessful attacks by the British on Bulgarian advanced lines in the Lake Doiran region are announced in today's army headquarters statement.

**SUCCESS FOR FRENCH**  
PARIS, Dec. 28.—French troops last night repulsed small attacks near the Chemin de la Somme and upon the eastern slope of Hill 204, west of the Meuse in the Verdun region, the war office announced today.

Mines sprung by the French near Beuvraignes on the Somme front, caused great damage to the German defenses. One of the explosions produced a crater 120 yards long and 40 yards wide.

The French flying corps yesterday attacked several blast furnaces and steel mills. The airplanes were aided in the attacks by two dirigibles.

## GERMANY LOOKS TO U. S.

The imperial government is ready, when this point has been reached to negotiate with the United States at this sublime task.

**REPLY TO SWISS NOTE**  
BERLIN, Dec. 27, via London, Dec. 28.—The German reply to the Swiss note was handed to the Swiss ambassador today. It is the same lines as the reply to President Wilson.

**ANSWER A POLITE REFUSAL**  
PARIS, Dec. 28.—The morning newspapers today are unanimous in pronouncing the German answer to President Wilson's note to the belligerents a polite refusal to comply with his suggestions.

"Germany," says the Matin, "intentionally reverses the terms of President Wilson's note and requests representatives of the nations at war to seat themselves at a conference table and talk at random, without knowing what they intend to say. She knows the allies will never make peace on the terms which she at present is disposed to offer, but during the period of temporary slackening in hostilities she will be able to obtain fresh supplies while secretly planning new military operations, just as she prepared for mobilization during the diplomatic conversations of July, 1914."

"While giving satisfaction to the United States by a clear explanation of our duties it behooves us now more than ever to keep close watch on the movements of the enemy at an hour when he is attempting to hood-wink us."

The Petit Parisien says: "The reply of Germany and Austria-Hungary is not a direct, loyal answer to the American suggestion. It is only a hypocritical expedient."  
President Wilson asks the belligerents to state their conditions for the cessation of hostilities and to submit to a conference without any preliminaries. That is a trap in which they very naively thought to catch the allies.

"One understands the haste with which they replied without waiting for the concerted note of the allies, which it is not yet sent. President Wilson asked for guarantees for the maintenance of lasting peace. Berlin and Vienna postponed their explanations until later. The president of the United States can in no way declare himself satisfied. As for the allies, their reply to the Washington cabinet is made much easier."

Stephen Pichon writes in the Petit Journal: "The American note regarding the inspiration of which we are as yet not sufficiently enlightened has at least had the merit of unmasking a German maneuver. That is a self-evident truth which was formulated here from the very first. It is now fully proved that it is that. It would suffice for neutrals to ask Germany for the details of the peace she wishes to conclude to make it impossible for her to furnish them."

"Germany in her answer to President Wilson proposes a meeting of delegates at a neutral city. That city it was specified, would remain forever famous as the scene of the greatest trap in history."

**EXPLAINS NOTE TO SOVINO**  
ROME, Dec. 28, via Paris.—American Ambassador Page had a long interview with Baron Sonnino, the Italian foreign minister today in regard to President Wilson's note. Ambassador Page elucidated passages of the note which have been the subject of controversy in the Italian press and emphasized the friendly spirit which moved the president to address the belligerent powers.

**REGARDS REPLY AS EVASION**  
PARIS, Dec. 27.—The German reply to President Wilson's note is regarded as an evasion by the Lusitania. The note which says:

"The Berlin government pretends to welcome President Wilson's initiative but it really evades answering the American note as well as the Swiss one. It suggests a conference between the belligerents, a conference behind closed doors and at the end of which each of the negotiators would be free to boast of extensive

connections made and accuse his adversary of secret reservations and bad faith. What the appeal of Washington and Bern is for is the juxtaposition in full daylight of the objects of the war but the objects pursued being evidently contained in the motives of those who let loose the war these motives cannot help being made apparent. It is easy to see what a formidable indictment they would form and why Berlin and Vienna insist on discussing peace on the basis of the war map and refuse a procedure which would throw a full light on the responsibility for the war."

**AUSTRIA ANSWERS SWISS NOTE**  
BERLIN, Dec. 27, via London, Dec. 28.—A Vienna despatch says that the Austro-Hungarian government today answered the Swiss note by transmitting a copy of the note sent to President Wilson. A covering message assured the Helvetic government that the "noble-minded suggestion" of President Wilson met with a thoroughly sympathetic reception. The message added that the Austro-Hungarian government regarded the Swiss action in supporting President Wilson as an evidence of the "noble and humane disposition which Switzerland, since the beginning of the war, has manifested toward all the belligerents."

## SMALL MURDER

Continued

drawn up carefully in minute detail which was found in Small's satchel after the fire.

Solicitor Hill, in his opening statement first discussed evidence to be presented to the jury of acts of cruelty which he alleged Small had inflicted on his wife at various times. Among these, he said, was an incident a few nights before her death when, in a card game with neighbors Small rebuked his wife harshly for a misdeal, causing her to cry. Threats to kill his wife would also be related by witnesses, according to Solicitor Hill.

Small's movements were traced by the prosecuting official from the time he left his home on the day of the murder. He told of Small's request to Edwin C. Conner, a school teacher, that he change his plans to accompany him to Boston a week later and make the trip that day.

He told the jurors also how George Kennet, a driver, reached the Small home half an hour before the time appointed by Small but found the latter outside, the cottage ready to start.

Continuing, Solicitor Hill told of testimony which the prosecution would offer concerning Small's actions after he was told of the use and of the discovery in his satchel of the inventory contents of the cottage. Expert testimony would be presented, he stated, showing the possible use in connection with the fire of wires, spark plugs and parts of alarm clocks which were found in the ruins of the cottage basement.

The prosecutor closed his outline of the case with a declaration that the murder of Mrs. Small was one of the foulest and most brutal in the annals of crime.

**First Witness**  
As the first witness, Harry W. Sawyer, of Manchester was called to the stand to describe a plan of the grounds about the small cottage which he drew for use at the trial.

George D. Emerson of Quincy, who occupied a cottage at Lake Ossipee, testified that with Mrs. Emerson he attended a card party at the Small home five days before the murder and that Small spoke to Mrs. Small in a manner which caused her to cry. Mrs. Emerson, who followed her husband to the stand, told of hearing a woman scream after they had returned to their home nearby.

**SMALL WEEPS OVER RUINS**  
JOSQUIN, N. H., Dec. 28. Frederick L. Small, former Boston real estate broker and alleged wife slayer, wept today at the opening of his trial in the Carroll county courthouse, yesterday morning, in front of a jury of twelve men.

It was dark when the jurors returned to Ossipee, and tried testimony, through the wintry countryside, they turned into bed early.

**The Jury**  
On the jury, which Elmer L. Berry of Monteboro is foreman, are seven farmers, a gardener, a lumber dealer, a chauffeur, a stationary engineer and a carpenter. A list of the members follows:

Elmer L. Berry, 56, farmer, of Monteboro.



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Rev. Daniel Keleher and Rev. John Star of Peabody. The family may beautiful floral tributes were: Pillow inscribed "Father," from daughter, and spiritual bouquets from Mr. and Mrs. George H. Keleher, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Keleher, Miss Katherine Baxter, Miss Catherine Mellett, Miss Katherine Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. George English, Miss Della Kierman, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Keleher, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Mary Hannah. The bearers were Patrick Baxter, John Homan, John Morris, Timothy Dewire, Joseph Keleher, and John Keleher. The casket was borne by St. Patrick's cemetery. Rev. John H. Nawa, son of deceased, assisted by Rev. Sps. Mullin and Crayton, read the prayer. Rev. Peter H. Savage in charge of funeral arrangements.

# THE LOWELL SUN

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## CONGRESSMAN ROGERS ALARMED

With all due respect to Congressman Rogers, we believe his letter to Secretary of State Lansing shows undue haste, if not anxiety, when he demands information as to the power or the intention of the administration relative to connecting this country with any league to enforce peace, without consulting congress.

So far as any step yet taken by the secretary of state or by the president is concerned, there is no ground for the assumption that the administration would attempt to do anything of the kind "by treaty or otherwise." Furthermore, the constitution plainly states that the president can make treaties only by and with the concurrence of the senate expressed by a two-thirds vote of those present. As to entering any league of peace we fear the formation of such a league is yet afar off. If it ever comes, it may be quite as beneficial to the United States as to any other power on earth, but whether we should join such a league would be clearly a matter for the consideration of the national congress.

The mere suggestion that the European belligerents state the terms on which they would severally be willing to conclude the war, is a long way from advocating, much less joining, a league to enforce international peace. As we have already stated if the president's peace note does no good, it is difficult to see how it can do any harm.

## THE RIVER VICTORY

The war department seems at last to have done its full duty in relation to the Merrimack river project. It has recommended the appropriation of \$7,076,600 to be expended in co-operation with the state in making the river navigable from Lowell to the sea. General Black has done well and so have all who have had a part in the work including the Lowell board of trade in conjunction with the other boards of the Merrimack valley. Congressman Rogers also gunned the movement at every stage. With this beginning the project must be kept moving until the money shall have been voted by congress and the work started. It will mean a great boon for Lowell to be connected with the sea by a navigable river. It will effect a lowering of freight rates, affording cheaper coal and better facilities for all manufacturing industries that have to meet general competition.

## FORTIFYING THE DOLLAR

The decision of the Federal Reserve bank board to make the Bank of England a foreign correspondent of the Federal Reserve bank of New York is a step towards the greater solidification of our financial system. What the precise advantages of this connection with London will be cannot be fully realized until the scope of the foreign agency shall have been tested, defined and worked out in its various ramifications.

It is well understood, however, that the intent of the authorization is to strengthen the United States as a creditor nation in the commercial competition which may result after the close of the war. It will offset any tendency to withdraw the vast amount of gold accumulated here during the war. Our connection with the Bank of England will afford a means by which American banks can readily purchase British notes and securities and thus defeat any tendency toward the exportation of gold.

It is generally admitted that our huge supply of gold has helped to raise the price of all commodities and if the gold were shipped out of the country, there would be a corresponding fall in prices which might ruin many of our business firms.

Upon the success of this experiment, for it is an experiment, will depend whether any other foreign connections of a similar kind will be made. Already there is a probability that the Bank of France may also be made a correspondent of our Federal Reserve system although in all probability not until the connection with the Bank of England has been established.

In the opinion of men of sound judgment in financial affairs, this move will strengthen our financial system and provide an additional safeguard against sudden fluctuations in value, and will more surely establish the American dollar as the medium of exchange.

## KEEPING OUT THE "JAPS"

Our immigration bill brings up again the delicate question of Asiatic exclusion. Senator Phelan of California is an extremist in opposition to the influx of the Japanese and any display of bitterness against the nation is liable to result in serious animosity towards the United States on the part of Japan.

At present the arrangement between the two nations is what is known as "a gentleman's agreement" to the effect that Japan will voluntarily restrict the number of her immigrants.

The American workmen cannot compete with Japanese labor and yet Japan will take offense if her people are classed as inferior, which would be the result of limiting them in the general sweep of Asiatic exclusion.

Senator Lodge succeeded in preventing Senator Phelan from denouncing the Japanese and insisting upon a specific act of exclusion to apply to them as well as the Chinese.

Mr. Lodge held that if Japan regarded classification with other Asiatics as an insult, her feelings should be respected so long as the same object can be obtained by treaty agreement. The law, therefore, in reference to Japanese immigration, remains unchanged. Theoretically the Japanese are not barred so far as the statistics

go, but practically they are under treaty arrangement with the United States. If at any time this treaty should be abrogated, then there would be no bar to the incoming of the Japanese.

## THAT PEACE NOTE

One of the things in President Wilson's peace note that displeased the allies was the statement apparently understood as to what the contending powers are fighting for.

Here is the paragraph: "The objects which the statesmen of the belligerents on both sides have in mind in this war are virtually the same, as stated in general terms to their own people and the world."

The entente allies claim to be fighting for the freedom of the world against Germany's attempted hegemony, or pan-Germanism. On the other hand Germany claims that she is fighting for her own existence and for her commercial freedom, neither of which, according to the allies, had been assailed or threatened previous to the outbreak of the war.

Following this statement the president gives as a reason for his intervention the following:

"The life of the entire world has been profoundly affected. Every part of the great family of mankind has felt the burden and terror of this unprecedented contest of arms. No nation in the civilized world can be said to be safe against its disturbing effects. And yet the concrete subjects for which it has been waged have never definitely been stated."

These are the main points of the note which have been discussed, the latter in support of the president's action, and the former in condemnation thereof.

## WILL PEACE AFFECT LOWELL?

Perhaps the statement that our prosperity is due to the war applies to Lowell as much as any other city in the country. The munition factories here have employed from 6000 to 8000 and although the number has been gradually reduced there are still over 6000 hands at work in these factories. The sudden termination of the war would not close these factories as they are working upon orders which will require months to fill. Nevertheless, it will be well for those employed there to keep in mind the fact that a few months may bring about a very considerable curtailment. The local mills and shoe shops will not suffer to any great extent as the result of the peace in Europe. Many of the mills could employ a much larger force than they have at the present time. They will probably have an opportunity to get back most of the skilled help, both men and women, who after the opening of the war decided to seek employment in the munition factories.

## PRISON DOORS THROWN OPEN

Governor Clegg of North Carolina on Christmas day granted free parole to 2000 prisoners, allowing them to spend Christmas at their respective homes.

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homes. But to 615 of them, he gave presents of \$10 each on the assumption that the state will recoup him. If the state declines he will stand the expense himself, feeling that it was in a good cause.

Only one prisoner refused the privilege of spending Christmas outside. He did not care to see his folks until he could do so a free man.

This is certainly a new departure in the treatment of prisoners and the fact that the men were put upon their honor, was the only bond that held them to their duty and brought them back to serve out their sentences. The experiment is unique in the annals of reformatory methods in this country.

## REPLY TO PEACE NOTE

The government of Switzerland has replied to President Wilson's peace note commending its aims and offering to co-operate in the movement for peace. In the Swiss reply the note is lauded as "the most meritorious personal initiative of President Wilson." "Without making peace proposals or offering mediation," the reply states, "he confines himself to sounding whether mankind may hope to have approached the haven of peace." Much interest is now centered upon the expected reply of the entente allies. Germany apparently assumes that a peace conference will be held at The Hague, as she is already arranging for hotel accommodation there for her delegates to the conference. In this, however, she may be somewhat premature, as it is not yet decided that there will be a conference.

## BARRING THE DRUNKS

The rule adopted by the Boston Elevated railway for barring intoxicated persons from its cars has had an unexpected development. It has sent hundreds to the Boston police station for lodging or safety. The rule apparently must be restricted to preventing drunks from boarding the cars rather than putting them off whenever they get disorderly. The company has been notified that it has no right to put the disorderly passenger off the cars in a suburban district where he would be liable to perish or to be run over by other cars, if in an intoxicated condition. The same rule will doubtless hold good on other railway lines on which disorderly passengers have been accustomed to ride.

## THE ARMED MERCHANTMEN

It appears that the British merchantmen crossing the Atlantic are to be equipped for and left for offense and defense. That will preclude them from calling at American ports except in emergencies in which they would be allowed to remain but 24 hours. They will make Halifax the base of their activities on this side of the Atlantic. Evidently Great Britain is determined to maintain her transport service from this country and defend it against all attacks from German submarines.

The "Merry Christmas" message of the Royal Arcanum Bulletin though conveyed under the motto virtue, mercy and charity, did not appeal to the older members who were thrown out on the roadside in their old age, after paying on insurance policies of from \$1,000 to \$3,000 for over twenty years.

## Says Plant Juice Is So Wonderful

A Lowell Man Relates That the New Stomach Remedy Gave Him Instant Relief

Plant Juice, the new herbal stomach remedy, brings the sunshine of health to a poor body which has long languished in the winter of sickness. Many local men and women who have been suffering from stomach disorder, with its accompanying distressing symptoms, have felt the sunshine of good health as their lungs testimonial show.

Mr. Angelo Candella, of No. 153 Appleton street, Lowell, who is employed in the R. & M. Ry. shops, recently gave the following signed statement:

"I have been troubled with my stomach for some time, was constipated and always had a sluggish, drooping feeling, with no semblance of energy to do anything. I was so nervous I could not sleep at night, and had headaches constantly. My liver was affected, which made me very dizzy at times, and I was completely run down. I had taken all kinds of medicine but nothing gave me any real benefit until I started to take your Plant Juice. It gave me almost immediate relief, and now I am able to eat all of my meals and enjoy them. I sleep well and am not so nervous. I am feeling the best I have in years and am glad to give this endorsement for Plant Juice.

Plant Juice acts like magic in stomach trouble, gas, fermentation, heavy, distressed feeling after meals and on retching. It attacks and destroys all poisons in the blood, cleanses the system, and restores the liver and kidneys and restores them to normal condition. It banishes rheumatism from the blood.

The Plant Juice Man is at Dows, The Druggists, in Merrimack Square, where he is daily meeting the local public, and introducing and explaining the merits of this remedy.

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BEST LINE OF LEATHER GOODS  
IN LOWELL.

IN BOSTON  
The Sun is on sale every day at both news stands of the Union station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

## Seen and Heard

It takes courage nowadays to ask for a second pat of butter in a restaurant.

When she asked him if he loved her, the wretch said he loved every hair on her person, and still she was happy.

"Was the editor much impressed by your poem on optimism, Scribblers?" "He must have been. I didn't suppose I could write anything that would make a human being look so dejected."

"Doctors can operate, vaccinate, and inoculate at any time, can't they?" "Certainly. Why not?" "Don't you think there ought to be a closed season for human being—as with deer?"

## Before the Celery

"Now, where do you want your speech to come?" "I want it to come before the celery is served. I don't want people eating celery in union makes it very difficult to be heard."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## While He Labors

"Why do you always take alone a book when you go out motoring with Mr. Githers?" "Oh," replied Mrs. Githers. "I read it while he's making repairs on the car. In fact, I keep up with all the latest fiction that way."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

## Knew His Business

"But are you sure that I shall recover?" the patient asked, anxiously. "I hear," the doctor replied, "that you have given a wrong diagnosis and treated a patient for pneumonia who afterward died of typhoid fever."

"You have been scandalously misinformed," said the doctor, indignantly. "If I treat a man for pneumonia, he dies of pneumonia."—Exchange.

## Matter of Definition

"What does citizen mean?" Eddie asked his sister.

"It means a man that lives in a city," answered the little girl.

"Then what do you call the people that live outside the city?" asked the boy.

"Oh, they are countrymen! Don't you remember that piece about 'folks countrymen'?"—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

## He Wanted One

It is said that a man once took his newborn son to an island and reared him to manhood without the child ever seeing a woman. When 25 years old, the father brought the son back to civilization. Passing a woman, the son asked: "Father, what is that thing?" "I don't know," answered the father.

"Well, I want one, anyway," declared the young man.—Exchange.

## The Cost of It

"My darling," she murmured, "you were so grand, so noble, when you proposed to me that day in the moonlight. I shall never forget how touchingly you spoke of your future, of the sacrifices you would make for me. It must have cost you something to speak those words."

"It did, Mabel," replied the young man, a shadow creeping over his face. "It cost me about two weeks' salary for that car hire."—Chicago News.

## And Wasn't Dad Tickled?

He is the young son of a prominent lawyer in this city. After his return from Sunday school a few weeks ago the child was asked if he remembered anything about the Sunday school lesson that he had that day.

"No, I don't think I do," was his response. "But I remember the song that they sang," he continued hopefully.

## And what was that?

"Glory, Glory, Hire a Lawyer," was his ready response.

## Provision

Where shall we be a year from now? Not one of us can tell.

And yet we all go ambling on. Helely life's magic spell.

What the future may hold for us. Not one of us can say.

We only know, as we amble on, That we are on our way.

Where shall we be a year from now? Well, some of us can guess. Judging the future by the past, "I shall be richer or less poor."

We shall be hustling, bustling around, Pushing and crowding, and wishing Our Christmas shopping done!

## Church Installs Converted Bar

A genuine bar out of those heavy wooden things which you stand up to or lean against with a thirsty and provided with the price—about to be opened in the recreation rooms of Trinity Congregational church at 15th street and Washington avenue.

The bar is the last thing that has been seen of a social—elsewhere, oceans of fountains and lakes of reds have passed over it. But the drinks which will now be handed across it will be healthy, good, grapefruit, lemon soda and so on.

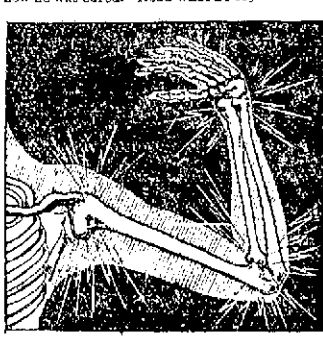
No hand-over-heads produced.

## Rheumatism

Remarkable Home Cure Given by One Who Had It—He Wants Every Sufferer to Benefit.

Send No Money—Just Your Address.

Years of awful suffering and misery have taught this man, Mark H. Jackson of New York, how terrible a enemy to human happiness rheumatism is, and how it can be cured with all unfailing success by the use of his new cure.



"I Had Sharp Pains Like Lightning Flashes Shooting Through My Joints."

In the spring of 1903 I was attacked by rheumatism and suffered for months. I was unable to do any work, and my life was a misery. I tried many remedies, but nothing gave me any relief until I received your new cure. I have now been cured and I am able to do my work again. I am very grateful to you for what you have done for me. I have written this for the benefit of other sufferers.

Mark H. Jackson, New York City.

Write to me for a free copy of my new cure.

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## STRICKEN IN THE STREET

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352 St. Valier St., MONTREAL.

"In 1912, I was taken suddenly ill with Acute Stomach Trouble and dropped in the street. I was treated by several physicians for nearly two years, and my weight dropped from 225 pounds to 160 pounds. Then several of my friends advised me to try 'Fruit-a-lives'. I began to improve almost with the first dose, and by using them, I recovered from the distressing Stomach Trouble—and all pain and Constipation were cured. Now I weigh 208 pounds. I cannot praise 'Fruit-a-lives' enough." H. WHITMAN.

50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c.

At all dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-lives Limited, Ogdensburg, N.Y.

here," reads a sign which will hang behind the bar.

"This bar shows the future of all bars," asserts another.—New York World.

## They Do Say

That Edmond Bailey made an ideal Santa Claus.

That the horses had a bad time of it yesterday.

That it looks like a good season for the Thrift club.

That home must have an anchor built for keeps.

That to have rosy thoughts on a grey day helps a lot.

That some of the meanest men we know of hate to die.

That the time of bonus has arrived, but not for all employees.

That one way of keeping out of trouble is keeping out of debt.

That a lot of home people think they are ripe for a beauty test.

That these are the days when the sidewalks come up and hit one.

That you're liable to break your neck when you jump at a chance.

That the scoffers at the Merrimack river scheme are trying to explain.

That it would be far more economic if it rained flour instead of snow.

That you have only four more days in which to practice writing it "1917."

That the best bargains in New England are to be found in Lowell stores.

That a local club steward will never cut windows with his "diamond" ring.

That avoiding argument on any question saves a heap of that tired feeling.

That the real girl is the one who wouldn't go with a fellow her folks didn't like.

That some of the actors of the old school must have played truant most of the time.

That a local wag has suggested a boxing ring in the aldermanic chamber for 1917.

That a lot of very serious-faced men sometimes have a whole lot of foolish ideas.

That the roof of a back is a bad place to sleep, especially on the way to the cemetery.

That the minute a man begins to show symptoms of loving everybody, his troubles begin.

That it will be hard for many to keep up the pace Sunday evening and Monday morning.

That the fellow who thinks all the sharks are in the ocean is sadly in need of knowledge.

That it is not always safe to put too much stock in those who most loudly sing the hymns.

That one might know all the movie plots and performers and then not know such a lot after all.

That it would be a good plan to resolve to let the New Year mean the burial of a lot of old things.

That to change a gift is all right—provided the giver is not there before you changing the one you gave.

That if you never had any idea of being a doctor, don't know what it is to be a physician, and you are not a physician, you are not a physician.

That some people compare the Christmas cards of two consecutive years to see who remember and who forget.

That when a man gets antique nobody wants him, but the world will pay all kinds of fancy prices for antique furniture.

That the street car men have shown their appreciation of the work of President Crowley by re-electing him to the position.

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LOWELL, THURSDAY, DEC. 28, 1916.

CHAS. TJADER, NOTED  
EXPLORER, IS DEAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Charles Richard Tjader, explorer, author and inventor, died here yesterday after a brief illness. Mr. Tjader in 1905 led an expedition into the East African jungle for the American Museum of Natural History.

In Africa Mr. Tjader discovered two new species of antelope which have been named after him. Among his writings is a book on "The Big Game of Africa."

Mr. Tjader was president of the Marine Efficiency Co., and the inventor of an inter-deck davit, a mechanical device for the lowering of lifeboats from between deck positions on ocean steamships. He was born in April, 1866, in Karlskrona, Sweden. The greater part of his life was spent in this country.

## MARRIAGE INTENTIONS

The following marriage intentions have been registered at the city clerk's office since the last were published:

Victor Ciosella, 23, 4 Hale st., laborer; Nicholena di Prenada, 20, 4 Hale st., at home.

Leslie J. Hamilton, 26, 100 Forrest st., machinist; Catherine J. Cameron, 23, 180 Forrest st., at home.

Oscar Jarvis, 28, 85 Gorham st., spinner; Adelaide Cole, 18, 545 Middlesex st., at home.

Hyman Kessler, 21, 29 Daly st., waiter; Rose Kaplan, 19, 22 Daly st., at home.

Speros S. Alexandreas, 20, 44 Fenwick st., machinist; Sofia Raptica, 22, 44 Fenwick st., mill operative.

Apostolos Gravalis, 23, 12 Dummer st., operative; Constantino Dimitrokov, 26, 72 Dummer st., operative.

Joseph Hebert, 24, 203 Merrimack st., sailor; Blanche C. A. St. Armand, 22, 72 East Meadow road, hostess.

Philip Martin, 17, 9 Coburn st., driver; Bernadette Sarraf, 17, 138 Cushing st., shoe shop.

Thomas J. Nelson, 20, 728 Lawrence street, shoe worker; M. Yvonne Denis, 19, 303 Moody st., at home.

Walter A. Sherman, 59, 214 Pawtucket st., veterinary surgeon; Georgia A. Paul, 59, 32 Sheldon st., at home.

Arthur J. Cumalsky, 40, 161 Walker st., automobile dealer; Marion B. Gregoire, 29, 18 Troy st., milliner.

G. Tappan Little, 25, 163 Rounds st., teacher; Bertha H. Nelson, 23, 51 Main st., at home.

George Hudson Sykes, 26, 11 Rockingham st., machinist; Matilda Dimodanis, 23, 21 Thorndike st., at home.

Joseph Oline Benoit, 32, 20 West 3rd st., steamfitter; Josephine Lepage, 37, 31 West 3rd st., spinner.

Alfred Fucharme, 19, Fairbank, N. H., blacksmith; Cora Mailoux, 36, 767 Merrimack st., housekeeper.

Albert Taylor, 27, Bangor, Me., laborer; Rose Whelan, 23, 9 Coburn st., warp room.

Thomas F. Rafferty, 22, 64 Central st., mill operative; Rose St. Pierre, 18, 45 Broadway st., mill operative.

Willie Masser, 29, 38 Sarah avenue, barber; Alphonsine Ouellette, 22, 19 Austin st., mill operative.

Jas. H. Eroling, 22, 80 Chestnut st., splitter; T. S. Mills, Elizabeth Earnshaw, 24, 23 Ash st., weaver.

Alfred J. Farrell, 19, 28 S. S. Kearse, machinist; Lillian Plourde, 19, 17 Dodge st., velvet cutter.

Mmanuel P. Ribeiro, 22, 192 Tremont st., mill operative; Domingas Sardinia, 20, 15 Pearl st., mill operative.

Vasilios P. Alexopoulos, 21, 38 Tudor st., mill operative; Athanasia A. Garkis, 19, 26 Tilden st., mill operative.

Dimitrios Apostolopoulos, 21, 580 Market st., mill operative; Vasilio Dragounianos, 21, 580 Market st., mill operative.

Le Roy E. Frost, 38, (divorced), 220 East Merrimack st., mill operative; Clara B. Farr, 36, (widowed), 250 East Merrimack st., waitress.

## IN BOSTON

The Sun is on sale every day at both news stands of the Union station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

COLONEL HARTS WILL BE  
MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Col. William W. Harts, United States army, will have a prominent part in the coming inauguration ceremonies at Lowell. He is retaining his present assignment of superintendent of public buildings and



COL. WM. W. HARTS

grounds in Washington. For many years that post has been held by an officer of the army engineer corps. On inauguration days he acts as a sort of master of ceremonies and has charge of the banquet with the stands erected for the spectators.

MAKING THEMSELVES AT HOME  
IN CAPTURED GERMAN DUGOUT

AT HOME IN A CAPTURED GERMAN DUGOUT

When the German soldiers built the dugout shelter shown in the picture and placed above it the sign, "Durchgang Verboten" ("no throughway") they did not think it would be captured by a party of Englishmen, who

took part in the Somme battle. Three of the Britishers making themselves at home in the captured dugout are seen in the picture. The shelter was well built, and the roof was reinforced with old railroad rails.

## SLEEPYTIME TALES

## THE GOODGIVERS PUSSY WILLOW DAY

Once upon a time the Goodgivers club pledged themselves to give five dollars to the hospital, but they did not know exactly how they were to earn it. They had given, as you know, several fairs and cake sales and they were trying to think of something new.

One day Helen was out walking with her mother. It was so warm and smelly of earth that it seemed almost like summer. "I wish we girls could go out into the woods on Saturday," they said. "I should think you would plan to go," said her mother. "While you are in the woods why not gather some pussy willows and sell them to get the money for the hospital?"

All the girls were delighted when Helen told them of her mother's suggestion and when Saturday morning came they all jumped out of bed early to see if it were warm and if the sun were shining so that their outing would be a success. Right after breakfast they started, each with a nice lunch in a box and a sharp knife with which to cut the pussy willows.

What fun they had. They gathered huge bunches of the soft pretty willows long before noon but were so hungry they didn't wait for noon time to eat but opened their lunch boxes and ate the lunch at once. They carried their paper napkins on a large stamp and set out their feast. Some of the girls had brought sandwiches and others cake, while still others brought fruit, and Helen's mother had given her a bottle of hot chocolate in a Thermos bottle enough so all the girls could have a cup.

They left for home as soon as they had eaten for they wanted to sell the pussy willows as soon as possible. Helen's mother bought a large lunch and then they went to the big house of the rich family on the hill where they said it they had and got an order for as many more.

Three of the girls went back for some more willows while the rest counted up the money and got it changed into a five dollar bill. They had a dollar over, too, but they gave that to the hospital as they liked to feel that they were helping the sick little children.

## DON'S FUNNY PRESENT

Once upon a time Don's father came home and said to Don: "Put your hand in my pocket and see what you will find." Don was only four and he could hardly reach so high, but he managed to get his chubby hands into the pocket of his father's coat and felt something soft and warm and alive. "It's a kitten," shouted Don. "No," said his father, "it's a dog." "A doggy," guessed Don. "Wrong again," said his father.

So Don got hold of the funny thing and pulled it out, and what do you think it was? The funniest guinea pig you ever saw. Don's father said he could keep it for a pet, so his new owner began at once to make a soft bed for it out of an old blanket and put it, nice and snug, into a basket.

It grew quite large and was very fond of Don's father. Whenever he saw him he would run up his legs and squeal and squeal to be taken up. One morning it crept into the pocket of father's overcoat and went into town with him. When he got to the office and took off his coat the dog jumped out and ran all about the desk furiously crawling into an open drawer where it stayed until it was time to go home.

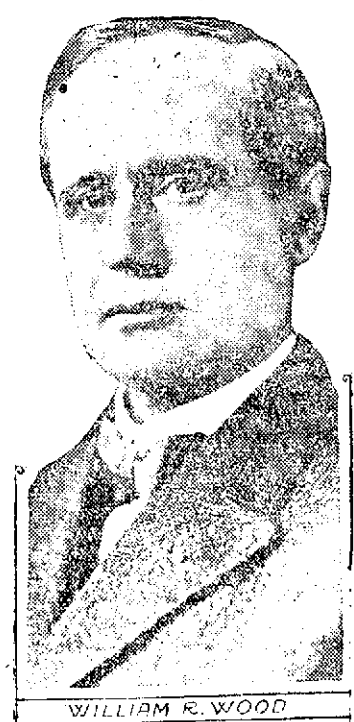
Don didn't know where his pet had gone and spent the whole day looking for it. He was delighted when his father came home and told about taking the pig to business. Now, every morning when his father gets ready to go to town, Don runs and gets his pig and holds it tight until his father has departed.

As a great treat Don gets a big potato, peels it then cuts it into small pieces and gives it to the pig. He will eat all he can get of potatoes, and squeal for more. He likes cabbage, too, and one day he stole a whole dish of cabbage that Cook had fixed and set away to cool.

Don said he was sure the pig thought the cabbage was cooked for him and didn't think he should be

TO INVESTIGATE PEACE  
MOVE AND STOCKS

Reports in circulation mainly in New York that an advance tip on the president's peace move had been obtained by stock speculators and that some of them had profited heavily.



WILLIAM R. WOOD

crystallized in the introduction of a resolution in the house by Representative W. R. Wood, an Indiana, republican, proposing for an investigation by a committee of five prominent citizens.

When Secretary Lansing was told of the Wood resolution he laughed and said that he would be very glad to have an investigation. Other officials said the group was ridiculous.

By the terms of the resolution the committee is to investigate "whether any one high in the administration of government is in the United States, whether in person, or by proxy, or by agent, or by messenger, or by any other means, in the stock market, on Thursday, Dec. 21, 1916, following the two contradictory information given to the public from the office of the secretary of state concerning the note of the president of the United States, dated Dec. 20, 1916, to the belligerent powers." The note was dated Dec. 18.

Photo shows Representative Wood.

## A. G. POLLARD CO.

The Store For Thrifty People

A Wonderful Bargain Opportunity in  
Men's and Boys' Clothing

Is Here Presented, to Go on Sale Tomorrow, Friday, A. M.

A. S. MASON OF ROCHESTER, N. H., CLOSED OUT THE ENTIRE STOCK OF HIS CLOTHING STORE TO US ON THE 16TH OF THIS MONTH. \$10,000 WORTH OF MEDIUM GRADE, SEASONABLE MERCHANDISE, SELECTED WITH UNUSUAL CARE FOR THE PARTICULAR TRADE OF ROCHESTER AND VICINITY AND IN SPLENDID CONDITION. PURCHASED BY US AT A GOOD STRONG DISCOUNT BASED ON THE OLD PRICES. WE OFFER THESE GOODS AS SOME OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE VALUES OF THE SEASON. WINTER WEARABLES AT WINTER TIME AT FROM 25 TO 33 1-3 BELOW REGULAR PRICES.

## Men's Furnishings

EAST SECTION, LEFT AISLE

Men's Neckwear—Four-in-Hands, String ties and made up styles, well selected patterns; regular prices 25c and 50c. 19c, 3 for 50c and 35c, 3 for \$1.00

Collars—Men's and Boys' Linen Collars, good styles, Lion brand; regular price 15c. To close at .....10c Each

Men's and Boys' Gloves and Mittens—For street, driving and work; we include in this sale hundreds of dozens of salesmen's samples from our own stock; these were bought on the old market prices and are very much cheaper than could be had at this time; regular prices 25c to \$5.00 pair....15c to \$2.98

Hosiery—Men's Cotton, Silk, Wool, Worsted and Merino, heavy, medium and light weight. We are getting near the end of old standards of value; these are very cheap; regular prices 15c to 75c. ....10c to 50c

Men's Union Suits—Natural gray, heavy weight, best makes; regular prices \$1.25 and \$1.50, at .....\$1.00

Men's Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers—Shirts plain English finish, all sizes, 34 to 50. Drawers satin waist band, best finish, all sizes 32 to 50; regular \$1.25 to \$1.50, at .....\$1.00

Men's Shirts and Drawers—Part wool, all sizes, 34 to 50 and odd lots of assorted styles; regular prices \$1.00 to \$1.50, at .....75c Each

Sweater Coats—Heavy Shaker and ribbed coats, in the popular colors, made with and without collars; regular prices \$1.00 to \$6.50 each .....69c to \$5.00

Bath Robes—About 25 robes, made up by the best makers, from heavy cotton and wool blankets; regular prices \$2.98 to \$8.00, at .....\$1.50 to \$5.00 Each

Men's Negligee Shirts—Made with soft or stiff cuffs, neck band, neat patterns from fine percale and madras, some of the best makes, Lion, Stag and Bates Street included in this; regular prices 50c to \$2.00 each....39c, 69c and \$1.00

Pajamas—Men's Outing Flannel and Madras Pajamas. This lot not only includes the Mason stock but about 30 dozens of samples from two of our best makers; regular prices \$1.00 to \$2.00, at .....69c and \$1.00

Night Shirts—Outing flannel and plain cotton, made plain and trimmed; regular prices 50c to \$1.00....39c, 69c and 85c

Men's Union Suits—Heavy cotton suits, in ecru and gray, all sizes, 34 to 46; regular price \$1.00 each, at 69c, 3 for \$2.00

## Men's and Boys' Clothing

PALMER STREET, BASEMENT

## MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS

The Mason store handled a good line of medium priced clothing, well bought and nicely assorted, at very reasonable prices.

MEN'S SUITS—About 100 men's suits, made of good material, blue serge, worsted and fancy mixtures, in medium and dark colors, well made with good linings; \$10.00 to \$12.50 value at .....\$7.50

MEN'S SUITS—About 55 Men's Suits, made of fine worsted, blue serge and fancy mixture suits, made with very good trimmings and worth \$14.00 to \$16.50, at .....\$10.00 Suit

ABOUT 75 MEN'S SUITS—Made the latest styles, made of very good material, in dark and medium colors, fancy Scotch mixture and worsted, suits made best trimmings; \$18.00 value, at .....\$12.50 a Suit

MEN'S OVERCOATS—150 Men's Heavy Overcoats, made of heavy Scotch mixture and chevrons, mostly dark colors; \$10.00 and \$12.50 value, at .....\$7.50 Each

## MEN'S PANTS

AT \$1.50 A PAIR—Men's Pants, made of good brown corduroy, serge and heavy wool mixture; \$2.00 value, at .....\$1.50 a Pair

AT \$2.50 A PAIR—Men's Pants, made of heavy all wool material, heavy brown corduroy, worsted and serges, good strong trimmings; \$2.50 and \$3.00 value, at .....\$2.00 a Pair

AT \$2.50 A PAIR—Men's Pants, blue serge, fine worsted, in large variety of patterns, also heavy all wool materials; \$3.00 and \$3.50 value, at .....\$2.50 a Pair

AT \$3.00 A PAIR—Men's Pants, made of very fine worsted and serges, also fine wool cassimere, made with very best trimmings; \$4.00 and \$4.50 value, at .....\$3.00 Pair

AT \$1.25 A PAIR—Men's Pants, made of heavy mole skin cloth, khaki and olive colors, well made and durable, only \$1.25 Pair

## WORKING SHIRTS

AT 35c EACH—Men's shirts, made of good gray check dome flannel and well made; 50c value at .....35c Each

AT 35c EACH—Odd lots of Men's Working Shirts, in light colors, made of very good material; 50c value, at .....35c Each

AT 40c EACH—About 25 dozen Men's Working Shirts, made of heavy fancy stripe and plain black chevrons, blue chambray and heavy domets, at .....40c Each

AT 50c EACH—Men's shirts, made of very heavy twill dome flannel, in medium gray, shirts made full size, 65c value, at .....50c Each

## MEN'S RAINCOATS

AT \$2.50 EACH—20 Men's Single Texture Raincoats, cemented seams and well made; \$3.50 value at .....\$2.50

AT \$3.50 EACH—Men's Double Texture Coats, well made, guaranteed waterproof and cemented seams; \$5.00 garment, at .....\$3.50

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## MEN'S AND BOYS' HATS AND CAPS

The Mason store carried a very complete line of up-to-date Men's Hats and Caps in all the latest styles.

MEN'S SOFT HATS—Men's Soft Hats, in all the latest shapes, either roll or flat brims, in very good variety of colors—\$2.00 and \$2.50 value at .....\$1.50 \$1.50 value at .....98c

To close odd lots of Soft Hats, \$1.00, \$1.50 value, at 59c Each

MEN'S WINTER CAPS—Men's Winter Caps, made of good wool material, in all the latest shapes:—\$1.00 value at .....69c 50c value at .....39c

BOYS' WINTER CAPS—Boys' Heavy Winter Caps, all new shapes, made of good material, in large variety of mixtures—50c value at .....39c 25c value at .....20c

## GIRLS' SCARF AND CAP SETS

Girls' Brushed Wool Scarf and caps to match, in all the new combinations of colors, also plain red, oxford, white, blue and green—\$1.00 and \$1.25 Sets at .....79c a Set \$1.50 Sets at .....98c a Set

\$2.00 Sets at .....\$1.39 a Set

Eiderdown Scarf and Cap Sets—39c Sets at .....29c a Set 25c Sets at .....20c a Set

Girls' Angora Caps, 50c value, at .....39c Each

To close, a small lot of Stocking Caps and Toques at .....15c Each

## BOYS' CLOTHING

NORFOLK SUITS—150 Boys' Norfolk Suits, sizes 7 to 17 years, made of wool chevrons and cassimere, plain gray and brown, also fancy mixtures; \$3.00 value, at .....\$2.00 a Suit

AT \$2.00 A SUIT—Boys' Juvenile Suits, sizes 2½ to 8 years, junior Norfolk style, light and dark gray, Shepherd plaid and dark mixtures, made with patch pockets; \$3.00 value, at .....\$2.00 a Suit

AT \$3.25 A SUIT—200 Boys' Suits, junior Norfolk, sizes 2½ to 8 years, also Norfolk styles for boys of 7 to 17 years, made of good material, blue serge and large variety of good wool material, in plain colors and fancy mixtures, serge lined; \$4.00 to \$5.00 value, at .....\$3.25 Suit

AT \$3.75—Boys' Russian and Polo Overcoats, sizes 3 to 10 years, made of blue and gray chinchilla, brown and gray frieze and heavy Scotch mixture, flannel and serge lined, pinch back and half belt with patch pockets; \$5.00 to \$6.50 value, at .....\$3.75 Each

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# ALLIES REPLY TO GERMANY THEN UNITED STATES

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Communications continue to pass between the capitals of the entente allies regarding the reply to be made to the peace proposals of the central powers and their allies. The answer has been prepared in Paris and now is the subject of discussion between the various ministers.

It is unlikely that any steps will be taken by Great Britain and the other countries of the entente with regard to President Wilson's note and its Swiss counterpart until the entente allies have dealt with the German proposals. It is understood here that the reply does not give specific terms, but refers generally to the objects of the allies.

Those participating in the discussion speak of the difficulty of expressing the general purposes in concrete form so that the reply may be definitely responsive and at the same time convey to neutral countries an adequate idea of the aims and purposes for which the entente allies are contending.

The reason for not stating the specific terms is said to be here that the terms of the allies largely depend upon the extent of the military victory which they confidently expect and that any statement of terms now would be upon the existing military and territorial situation which the German imperial chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, claimed was based on a German victory. Therefore it is held that Germany is in a position to state her terms whereas the entente terms become definite when military successes have been achieved.

# VENIZELLOS LETTER URGING WAR SEIZED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Copies of a letter from former Premier Venizelos to Gen. Korakas, head of the Greek revolutionary movement in Athens, calling for extreme efforts to bring Greece into war on the side of the allies, even to "the destruction of the proper hour of all designated persons, no matter who they may be," were delivered to the state department today by Greek Charge d'Affaires for its information. The letter was said to have been seized in the general's house and was dated Nov. 25.

# ADMIT TORREON LOST

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 27.—Official confirmation of the occupation of Torreon by Villa forces was made today by Carranza Consul Bravo here. Torreon was evacuated by Gen. Talamante and his command of 1500 de facto troops, Bravo said, because of a superior opposing force.

# FLEE FROM SALTILLO, MEX.

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 27.—Many prominent families are leaving Saltillo, Mex., fearing an attack on the city by Villa followers who are reported in that vicinity, according to passengers who arrived here today.

# LAWSON, TICKER WATCHERS SAY, HAS MADE FORTUNE IN SLUMP



THOMAS W. LAWSON

Thomas W. Lawson and his associates made hundreds of thousands in the recent big stock slump, Boston says.

Stock exchanges will be asked to make an investigation of the operations of brokers who acted for the so-called secret pool.

A few weeks ago Lawson, as the chief of operators for the pool, began selling stocks, mostly United States Steel, the story runs. He acted through agents, who in turn divided the huge transactions among many brokerage houses.

Steel was then around 125, but the

# DENIES FRAUD ON PART OF B. & M. DIRECTORS

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—Council for minority stockholders of the Boston & Maine railroad, who, alleging fraud and collusion by the directors of the road in connection with its receivership, have opposed permanency of the court's direction of its affairs, were ordered today by Judge Morton in the federal court to confine their inquiry to the point at issue. The court stated that as yet no evidence had been heard tending to show bad faith or fraud on the part of the directors.

After the statement by the court, Conrad W. Chandler, counsel for the Boston & Maine Minority Stockholders' Protective association, gave up temporarily his examination of Henry B. Day, a director, who was in his second day of testimony.

"I have never seen any signs of illegality or fraud while I have been connected with the road," Mr. Day stated during his testimony.

Regarding the effort of the directors to secure authority from the Massachusetts legislature for reorganization, the witness stated that the plan in his opinion was in accordance with the decree of the federal court.

Regarding maintenance and upkeep Mr. Day stated that owing to shortage of labor and strikes the road had been unable to lay its ties in the spring of 1916 as extensively as otherwise would have been done. He thought, he thought, the management had kept the road in good condition. He thought it would take from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000 in the next three years to keep the road up to the standard.

As to the validity of the Boston & Maine endorsement on notes of the Vermont Valley railroad for \$2,300,000 Mr. Day stated that he relied on the fact that Richard Olney was counsel for the road when these notes were endorsed. They were originally in the treasury of the Boston & Maine, he stated, and in order to negotiate them endorsement was necessary.

# 441 SECOND LIEUTENANTS ORDERED TO SCHOOLS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Two hundred and forty-one second lieutenants appointed to the regular army from civil life were today ordered to join schools for training before joining their commands.

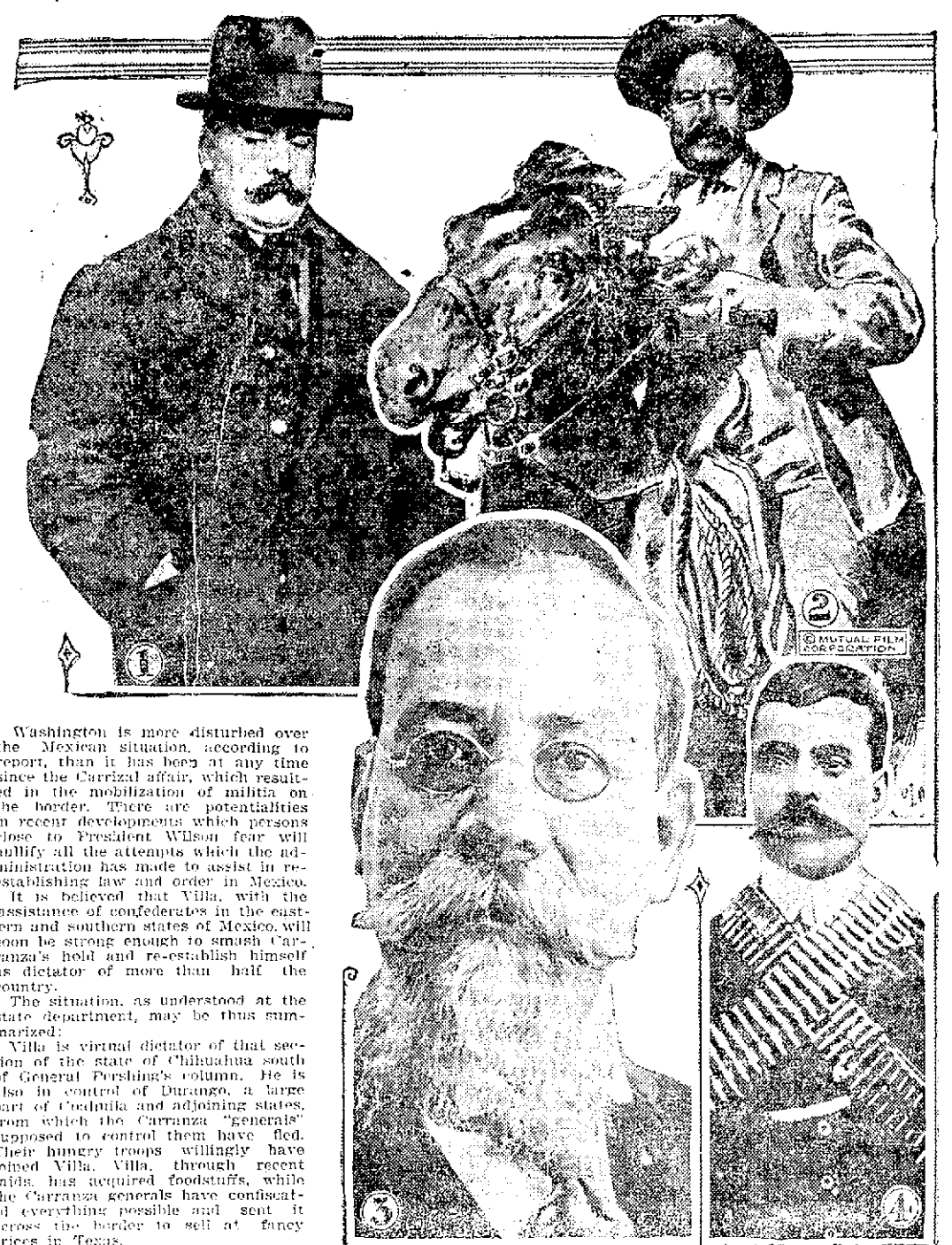
Fifty-seven are assigned to cavalry, 38 to field artillery, 39 to coast artillery and the remainder to infantry.

It is the first assignment of officers from civil life since the passage of the national defense act which authorized their appointment.

# MANCHESTER'S SANTA CLAUS DEAD

MANCHESTER, Conn., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Richard Olney, 87, who, because of her many local benefactions had become known as the Santa Claus of Manchester, died at her home here today. She was the daughter of Major Louis Bliss of St. Louis, Mo. Her husband, a member of the Olney Bros., silk firm, died about three years ago.

# CARRANZA'S FOES, VILLA, DIAZ, ZAPATA, READY TO CLOSE IN FROM ALL SIDES



Washington is more disturbed over the Mexican situation, according to report, than it has been at any time since the Carrizal affair, which resulted in the mobilization of militia on the border. There are potentialities in recent developments which persons close to President Wilson fear will nullify all the attempts which the administration has made to assist in re-establishing law and order in Mexico.

It is believed that Villa, with the assistance of confederates in the eastern and southern states of Mexico, will soon be strong enough to smash Carranza's hold and re-establish himself as dictator of more than half the country.

The situation, as understood at the state department, may be thus summarized:

Villa is virtual dictator of that section of the state of Chihuahua south of General Pershing's column. He is also in control of Durango, a large part of Coahuila and adjoining states, from which the Carranza "generals" supposed to control them have fled. Their hungry troops willingly have joined Villa. Villa, through recent raids, has acquired foodstuffs, while the Carranza generals have confiscated everything possible and sent it across the border to sell at fancy prices in Texas.

From a handful of ragged followers Villa has made a force of nearly 10,000 men. All of Carranza's warriors in the northern section do not approximate this number. Felix Diaz, acting as a figurehead for Robles, has assembled a formidable force in Puebla and Oaxaca and reported to join with Villa and move northward at a signal from Villa.

Zapata, in the state of Morelos, has complete control of the country in the vicinity of Mexico City, and is reported to be prepared to join with Villa and Robles. No. 1, Diaz; No. 2, Villa; No. 3, Carranza; No. 4, Zapata.

# GLAZE STORM REPLACES OLD-FASHIONED SLEET

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The old-fashioned "sleet" is going out of style this winter before the newer "ice storm" and the "glaze" weather bureau officials reported today. Sleet is officially designated as small globules of rain frozen before striking the earth. When rain freezes after falling, and forms a sticky coating on the ground, trees and wires, the condition is called a glaze, and when this is severe and accompanied by wind, it is reported as an ice storm.

# GLAZE STORM HITS DETROIT

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 27.—Traffic and interurban traffic and wire communication throughout lower Michigan were affected by the glaze storm last night and the thaw this morning. Interurban cars leaving Detroit had difficulty getting through the outskirts of the city. Many streets were flooded. In Detroit this morning dense fog, slippery tracks and flooded streets made street car traffic difficult.

# HEAVY FALL OF SLEET

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 27.—A glaze which gradually grew to the proportions of an ice storm and finally developed into a heavy fall of sleet, seriously affected interurban and local traction traffic and wire communication in this vicinity today. Progress over Albany lines streets was exceedingly dangerous and many persons were injured by falls.

# GLAZE STORM IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A glaze storm which forced telegraph and telephone wires with ice, seriously interfered today with communication in this state and to a considerable extent throughout the east. Some trouble was experienced as far west as Chicago.

New York streets were coated with ice and traffic was badly hampered.

# NO PEACE CONFERENCE WITHOUT TERMS

LONDON, Dec. 27.—It is believed in official circles here that there does not exist any possibility of assembling a peace conference, as proposed in the German note, unless President Wilson's note, unless Germany is willing to make suggestions in advance regarding her ideas of the terms of peace.

# STRENGTH DAMAGED

HALEMAN, N. S., Dec. 27.—The Norwegian steamer, "Sveinporten," bound from New York to Helsing, with a general cargo, put into port here today with water in her holds, boats damaged, deck plates bent and one of the crew injured. The steamer had been washed overboard in the storm that battered the ship.

# GERMANY TRYING TO END FOUR GREEK STEAMERS STOPPED BY U-BOAT

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Evening Star commenting on the German note says: "Germany has replied in haste. She is working the Wilson note for all it is worth. She is trying to make peace by wireless. The contrast between the painting premisses and the actual delivery is great."

There is grave, urgent need for cool wisdom and bold leadership in the circumstances. We must with all the growing disposition in certain quarters to make head back between the British and American people. That is playing the German game and must be stopped dead. There must be no mercy for lunatics who are ready to poison Anglo-American relations. Let us make a stand against the colossal inaptitude of misrepresenting and misunderstanding President Wilson's note."

# CHURCHES REMEMBERED BY CHARLES A. REED

GLoucester churches, without regard to creed, share in \$100,000 estate.

SALEM, Dec. 27.—All of the churches of Gloucester, without regard to denomination or creed, will share equally in approximately \$100,000 under the terms of the will of Charles A. Reed of that city, which was filed for probate court here today. The estate is valued at \$100,000. Annuities are to be paid to five relatives during their lives, and three bequests of \$1000 each are ordered paid before the residue is divided among the churches.

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# SAYS NOTE SHOWS OFFER BY GERMANY SINCERE

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 27.—Via London—commenting on the German reply to President Wilson's note, the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin says:

"From the fact that Germany has not allowed the Christmas festival to pass without replying to President Wilson's note, and our enemies must admit the conviction that we made the note after seriously, should Mr. Wilson be induced by our note to recommend to our enemies that they send representatives to a neutral place for the purpose of peace negotiations, we should still be far from abandoning ourselves to the hope that the move would meet with success at London, Paris, Washington and Rome."

# WANT GRACE RULE ABOLISHED

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Club owners of the three class AA leagues, the American National League and the International Association, will meet jointly in Cincinnati January 2, in the interest of problems to be placed before the national baseball commission on that date.

Abolition of the draft rule in the class AA organization will be one of the issues before the commission, Thomas D. Buckley, president of the American association, announced here today.

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# MAN KILLED GIRL THEN ENDED HIS LIFE

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Cells Schmitzer, 22 years old, was shot dead today by a man believed by the police to be Maurice Dahl, 35 years old, of Philadelphia, who afterwards committed suicide by shooting himself.

Miss Schmitzer came here four weeks ago from Philadelphia and was to have been married on Saturday night to a Buffalo man.

# TO PREVENT SNIPING ON THE BORDER

ASSURANCES GIVEN BRIG. GEN. BELL OF EFFORT TO STOP SNIPING FROM MEXICAN SIDE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Assurances have been given Brig. Gen. Bell at El Paso by Mexican military officers that every effort will be made to prevent sniping from the Mexican side of the boundary line such as was recently reported at Kentucky guardsmen. Gen. Bell reported today he believed there would be no further trouble.

# PLANS FOR A GREAT "NATIONAL MARKET"

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Plans for a great "national market" through which food products, both for consumption in this city and for shipment abroad, would be handled here under governmental supervision for the purpose of eliminating the middleman as an economic factor were announced today by Joseph Hartigan, commissioner of weights and measures of this city.

He said that in April a conference will be held which he had assurances would be attended by leading producers and shippers from every state as well as official representatives appointed by the various governors to take up the practical details of the plan.

# GOLF CHAMPION TO TEACH BATTLING

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Chas. Evans, Jr., national amateur and open golf champion, is going to teach "batting" to members of the Chicago National Club. Evans today accepted the invitation of Charles Weckman, president of the club, to make the spring training trip to Pasadena, Calif.

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While the peace discussions are proceeding, active military operations, except in such remote fields as those of Egypt and the Tigris, are being vigorously prosecuted only on the Rumanian front.

In this war area the latest reports show Field Marshal von Mackensen making new headway in his advance toward Braila, the great Rumanian grain and oil storehouse on the lower Danube.

The taking of Filipesti placed von Mackensen's forces little more than 20 miles from this objective. On the other side of the Danube, meanwhile, the Teutonic Dobruja army, apparently comprising chiefly Bulgarian troops, is hammering away at the bridgehead of Matchin, almost directly opposite Braila.

The clearing of the remaining Rumanian forces from Dobruja thus seems a possibility, not only by direct attack through the advance in Wallachia, which if it succeeded in reaching Braila would be able to make the Matchin position under artillery fire in flank and rear from across the Danube.

On the Franco-Belgian front the artillery has been active in some sectors and the aviators have been busy, but the infantry arm of the service on both sides is being held well back in its positions. For occasional trench raids and patrol enterprises. Some possible developments of interest are indicated from the Verdun region where a heavy bombardment east of the Meuse, between the Vacherotville and Vaux sectors is reported by Paris.

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ested in the estate of Stanislaw  
Wojcik, deceased, late of said  
County, deceased, intestate.  
Whereas a petition has been pre-  
sented to said Court to grant a let-  
ter of administration on the estate of  
said deceased to Joseph Jankowski of  
Lowell, in said County, to and to some  
other suitable person.  
You are hereby cited to appear at a  
Probate Court to be held at Lowell,  
in said County of Middlesex, on the  
sixteenth day of January, A. D. 1917,  
at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to  
show cause, if any you have, why the  
same should not be granted.  
And the petitioner is hereby direct-  
ed to give public notice thereof, by  
publishing this citation once in each  
week for three successive weeks, in  
the Lowell Sun, a newspaper pub-  
lished in Lowell, in said County, to be  
one day at least before said Court,  
and by mailing postpaid a copy of  
said citation to the widow of said  
deceased seven days at least before  
said Court.  
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esq.,  
Judge of said Court, this  
twenty-sixth day of December, the  
year one thousand nine hundred and  
sixteen.  
T. M. ESTY, Register.  
Denzon J. Moloney, Attorney.  
229-231-12

On Christmas day Kendall Parker, a  
little lad, wandered from his home on  
Lamb street and went on the property  
of the Locks & Canals. The ice at-  
tracted him and in a short time he was  
struggling in the water. Walter Courtney,  
whose father is gate tender for the  
Locks & Canals, was near by and seeing  
the boy struggling he ran for a long  
boat hook which hung near the  
gate and rescued him. They for his  
courage and presence of mind the  
Parker boy would have perished. Mr.  
Ricky thinks that the young hero de-  
serves a medal.

Had Narrow Escape  
Piero Singadisa, a young man resid-  
ing in Allen street had a narrow es-  
cape from drowning in Spectacle pond.

North Littleton, yesterday, when he  
went through the ice while fishing.

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was about 20 feet deep. His compan-  
ions rushed to his assistance and after  
considerable struggle succeeded in res-  
cuing him. Singadisa went to a nearby  
house and after drying his clothes re-  
turned to the pond. The party had  
good success and arrived in Lowell ear-  
ly last evening with 22 nice picked  
and some 50 large yellow perch, among  
which was one weighing a pound and a  
quarter.

The meeting will be held in the  
Lancaster chamber of commerce rooms  
at 10 a. m.

Professor H. J. Baker of Storrs,  
Conn.; George L. Green of Topsfield,  
and Stewart L. Little of Newbury are  
the speakers who will address the meet-  
ing.

Secretary Richard Bates of the  
Vesta Country Club is making ar-  
rangements for a celebration to be  
held at the club quarters in Trus-  
sard New York city. The affair will  
be exclusively for the members and  
their families and it is expected that  
there will be a large attendance and  
that the new year will be ushered in  
in great style.

The program includes concert mu-  
sicians in the early evening, a dinner at  
10 p. m. followed by general singing  
and dancing. The committee is headed  
by Harry B. Pollard.

There have been no further develop-  
ments in the case of the Arabist.

The members of the local Greek com-  
munity are making arrangements for  
the observance of their Christmas day,  
which according to the Orthodox calen-  
dar comes thirteen days later than  
that of the Gregorian calendar on Janu-  
ary 7.

A special service will be held in the  
Greek Orthodox church, in Jackson  
street beginning at 11 o'clock, the night  
before and going well into the morn-  
ing hours. The service will be in the  
form of a high mass and will be pro-  
vided over by the pastor, Rev. Nestor  
Smolenski. This church is preparing  
a special program of hymns to be sung  
at that service, while the interior  
and exterior of the church will be elab-  
orately decorated.

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## LOST AND FOUND

PAIR OF CROCHET NEEDLES lost.  
Finder please return to 27 West 4th st.

IF THE PARTY presenting pieces of  
money by mistake to conductor on  
the Broadway car Christmas morning  
Mar. 10, 1916, please return to  
Merrimack square they will receive  
same.

BROWN LEATHER BAG lost Sat-  
urday night between Merrimack square  
and Lakeview ave. contained ledger  
and cash book. Finder please notify  
P. H. Gumbler, D. O. Box 12, Everett,  
or tel. 333-5. Reward.

ROBBERY BEARDS—Pair of supple  
rosary beads lost Sunday morning be-  
tween 28, 29th and 30th and West  
Sixth st. Reward if returned to 30  
Carroll st. Call evenings.

BUNCH OF KEYS lost Friday night  
between Hale and Middlesex st. Re-  
turn to 105 Middlesex st. Room 14.

SMALL GOLD CAMEO PIN lost Sat-  
urday night. Finder please return to  
P. E. F. San Office. Reward.

SMALL BOX containing ivory toilet  
set, lost on 218 N. Chelmsford car,  
Christmas. Reward if returned to  
Charles J. McIntire, 211 Central st.

LADY'S WALTRAM WATCH lost on  
either North or Central st. Owner's  
name inside cover. Liberal re-  
ward if returned at once, 37 Gorham st.

WIFE, THE PARTY who found a  
bag of sausage at corner of Market  
and Dutton sts., kindly please notify  
Brook & Provision Co., 95 Market st.

BREACH POODLE DOG, all white,  
lost Saturday. Finder please return to  
27 West 4th st. and receive reward. Tel.  
333-5.

FOUND—A. M. Munnich, the Present  
st. district. The best line of cut flowers  
for all occasions, at the lowest prices.  
Why? Because we grow our stock  
and get them at first cost.

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## CZAR SPURNS PEACE GERMAN FALL NEAR

PETROGRAD, Dec. 28, via London.—In an order issued to all the units of the Russian army, dated Dec. 25, the emperor, in a brief review showing how the inequalities in the technical resources for warfare as between the allies and the central powers are being gradually removed with the result that the enemy strength is apparently waning, while that of Russia and her allies is continually growing, says:

"Germany is feeling that her complete defeat is near, and near also is the hour of retribution for all her wrong-doings and violations of the moral law. As in the time of her strength she declared war, so now, feeling her weakness she suddenly offers to enter upon peace negotiations, desiring to complete such negotiations before her military talent is exhausted."

"At the same time she is creating a false impression about the strength of her army by utilizing her temporary success over the Rumanians, who lack experience in the conduct of modern warfare."

Arguing that the allies are entitled to choose a favorable hour for peace negotiations, just as Germany chose a favorable hour for declaring war, the order says:

"This time has not yet arrived. The

enemy has not been driven out of the provinces he has occupied. Russia's attainment of the tasks created by the war—regarding Constantinople, the Dardanelles as well as the creation of a free Poland from all three of her now incomplete tribal districts—has not yet been guaranteed."

"To conclude peace at this moment would mean failure to utilize the fruits of the untold trials of the heroic Russian troops and fleet. These trials and the still more sacred memory of those noble sons of Russia who have fallen on the battlefield do not permit of thought of peace until final victory over our enemies."

"Who dares to think he who brought about war shall later in his power to conclude the war at any time he likes?"

In conclusion, the emperor, expressing confidence that no Russian soldier would desire peace until the enemy had been expelled from Russian soil and given guarantees to prevent a possible repetition of a treacherous attack, says: "Let us be firm in the certainty of our victory and the all highest will bless our standards and will cover them afresh with glory and give us peace worthy of your heroic deeds, my glorious troops—a peace for which future generations will bless your memory, which will be sacred to them."

## CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSE IS SUSPENDED

Special to The Sun  
STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 27.—As a result of reports made to it by its inspectors who were sent out to investigate the automobile accident in which William F. Brooks of Lowell was involved December 15, the Massachusetts highway commission has decided that Brooks operated the automobile in an improper manner, and has accordingly suspended his chauffeur's license. Notice has been sent to Brooks that he must return the license to the commission forthwith.

## SUN BREVITIES

Best Printing, Tobin's, Asso. Bldg.  
Racine Times, Beharrell's.  
J. S. Moir, optometrist, Wyman's Bldg.  
J. F. Donohoe, 228 Hildreth bldg., real estate and insurance. Telephone.  
Elihu Leach of Hildreth street will leave Sunday on a five-weeks' trip to Canada.  
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## FOR REGULATION OF COAL PRICES

### Commission Favors State Supervision of Sale of Coal and Coke

### Would Place Mines Under Federal Control— Reports to McCall

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Federal regulation of the business of mining and transporting anthracite coal and state regulation of its sale are necessary in the opinion of the members of Gov. McCall's coal commission. The commission believes that the suggestion that possibly some relief might come from the establishment of municipal coal pockets should be studied. But inasmuch as the right to own such properties is involved in a question of constitutional law, the commission suggests that the matter be specially investigated and a report made for the members of the coming constitutional convention.

The commission in its report, which was sent out last night and bore the signatures of all the members—Robert Luce, chairman; Melvin T. Copeland, secretary; James J. Storow, Edward F. McKeeney and Francis K. Tyrell—contends that the change the New England dealers and consumers have been discriminated against in the distribution of coal at the mines, because of the desire of the producers to help the railroads with longer and more profitable hauls. But it exempts the dealers in the state in the main from any charge of favoritism.

The commissioners agree that there may be special cases, and indeed, for the purpose of killing off ugly rumors, they suggest that the legislature consider giving the gas and electric light commission charge of the sale of coal and coke. The report also suggests that the dealers to carry fuel in bag for sale to the poor and at a proportionate price.

### Several Dealers Agree

In this connection the report points out that several dealers have already agreed with the commission to sell coal at a low price per bag to customers who will bring their own containers and take the coal away from the yards.

The commission agrees absolutely with the dealers on the point that the coal on the whole has brought more coal into the state than during normal years, but they point out that the great bulk of the coal delivered in Boston generally arrives by water. Coming, however, to the increase of water freight rates of \$5 a ton in 1916, the commission says that the coal delivered in Boston generally arrives by water. Coming, however, to the increase of water freight rates of \$5 a ton in 1916, the commission says that the coal delivered in Boston generally arrives by water.

### County Officers Banqueted

A dinner was given in the Parker house, Boston, last evening by District Attorney-elect Nathan A. Gault to Middlesex county officers and other officials for the purpose of getting acquainted. About 30 were present. Those included Assistant District Attorneys P. W. Fosdick, J. S. Harvey and Samuel H. Clark of Court Buildings; Assistant Clerk Ralph W. Smith; Probation Officer James P. Ramsay, Sheriff Fitch and his deputies.

### IN BOSTON

The Sun is on sale every day at both news stands of the Union station and Boston Post Office when making a year train for Lowell.

her, 1914, \$7.75 a ton. The immediate causes for these high prices are the increases in the prices charged by the mining companies, the high freight rates on water-borne coal and the difficulty of securing additional supplies. Underlying these immediate causes are conditions and influences which seem to warrant legislative action.

A serious aspect of the situation is the domination of the anthracite trade by nine large companies, each of which is closely allied or at least in sympathetic operation with the railroad company on whose line it is located. These nine large companies produce about 75 per cent. of the anthracite coal mined in Pennsylvania. Although not charged by these companies have been increased only 40 cents a ton over the December, 1915, prices, it appears that several of them sell their coal in markets which will best serve the revenues of the railroads to which the coal companies are subsidiary.

**At Mercy of Company**  
Contrary to usual business practice, the report says, dealers are unable to make contracts. The mines ship coal when they please at current prices. The dealer is at the mercy of the coal company.

"During the last few months some of the mining companies have failed to fill any considerable part of their orders from Massachusetts. Coal retailers have had to pay late-season prices for coal ordered early and many retailers have been driven to buy coal, frequently of poor quality, at high and perhaps exorbitant premiums from merchants and brokers representing the small independent coal mining companies. While some of the large companies refuse to fill orders from Massachusetts on the ground that no cars are available for transportation, they seem to be no less difficult in securing cars for 'premium' coal. So far as the coal retailers are concerned, the high prices appear to have brought hardship rather than prosperity to many of them."

"Because of the conditions here summarized, your commission believes that it is not only in the interest of the citizens of Massachusetts, but also for the general welfare of large sections of the United States, that the production and marketing of anthracite coal should be freed entirely from the control of private interests. The railroads, which are entitled to a fair return on their investment, should be permitted to transport coal at a reasonable rate. The ownership of the anthracite coal mines has become so concentrated that public interest requires that the sale and distribution of anthracite coal should be under federal regulation."

### Other Causes of Increase

It is admitted that the increase in coal costs is not entirely due to the railroads. The report also points out that the coal delivered in Boston generally arrives by water. Coming, however, to the increase of water freight rates of \$5 a ton in 1916, the commission says that the coal delivered in Boston generally arrives by water.

### Sale of Small Lots

"Four families," the commission finds, "are paying at the rate of \$4.35 to \$5 more a ton than the price for regular lots." This was taken up by the commission and a committee was appointed to investigate the matter. The committee has reported that the coal delivered in Boston generally arrives by water.

### Lawrence Would Annex Part of Methuen

LAWRENCE, Dec. 28.—With the time drawing near when the time expires for filing bills for action in the state legislature, Mayor Henry B. Lawrence is seriously considering several matters which he desires to have come before the state body. One of these will undoubtedly be an effort to have part of the town of Methuen added to the city which would make Gray's Pond park come within the city limits and there may be a bill to authorize the city to borrow money outside the city limit for the construction of necessary schools.

### WATCH SERVICE AT ST. ANNE'S

A watch service will be held at St. Anne's church Sunday night from 11 to 12 o'clock. Rev. Appleton Grimes, rector, will preside. The program and there will be music by a quartet choir. The service will be similar to the usual New Year's eve watches.

### PUBLIC MARKET

30 JOHN STREET

Turkeys, Ducks, Geese, Chickens and Fowl

We invite our customers and the public to call and see our stock. The very best Vermont and Rhode Island stock. No cold storage or held-over goods.

WE MAKE A SPECIALTY OF POULTRY

We thank our customers and the public, for their generous patronage during the year, now coming to a close, and we hope that we will be able to serve them as faithfully, and better in the coming year, than in the past. We wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

John Street Public Market  
J. P. CURLEY, PROP.

## GUARDSMEN MAY BE CALLED AGAIN

### Adj. Gen. Pearson Fears Mass. Men May Have to Return

### Says Guard Shoots Nearly as Well as Reg- ulars—Answers Scott

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—More than 2000 Massachusetts National Guardsmen, lately returned from an ill-fated tour of policing duty on the Mexican border, may shortly go back to the northern shore of the Rio Grande.

This prediction, made last evening by Adjutant-General Pearson was incidental to a vivid attack on the officers of the war department, who, the general declared, are coupling strenuous efforts to compel public attention to the program of national compulsory military service with bitter and unwarranted attacks on the citizen soldiery which responded last summer, more than 100,000 strong, to the call for protective service on the country's southern frontier.

"It is an infernal outrage," this gruffly said General Pearson. He tapped an official general document on his desk and picked it up.

"In view of the criticisms by General Scott as to the practice in the National Guard this is illuminating. It is a total enlisted strength of only 5045 in the National Guard of Massachusetts, 2785, or 74.4 per cent., qualified, as against 24 per cent. for the regular army."

"I hold no brief for the National Guard outside of Massachusetts," said General Pearson. "But I would like to take any six companies of the Massachusetts Guardsmen and pit them against any six companies of the regular army, some of whose officers seem too intent on discrediting the work of the militia."

It was while he was discussing the efforts of the war department to recruit its forces to a strength where the services of the National Guard would not be required to protect the country's borders that General Pearson ventured the prediction that the Massachusetts Guardsmen have not seen the last of their service in the border states.

"Unless the Massachusetts troops do so, who is to believe the southern Guardsmen who recently believed them?" said the general, replying. Yankee fashion, to one question with another one. "One hundred years ago," he pointed out, "the regular army was not big enough nor good enough to do it. Looking any other way, the country must rely on the National Guard. No, I do not see how the Massachusetts troops can avoid another call to arms. How soon, I cannot guess, but the Guardsmen must be prepared, certainly. The regular army is not big enough nor good enough to do it. Looking any other way, the country must rely on the National Guard. No, I do not see how the Massachusetts troops can avoid another call to arms. How soon, I cannot guess, but the Guardsmen must be prepared, certainly. The regular army is not big enough nor good enough to do it. Looking any other way, the country must rely on the National Guard. No, I do not see how the Massachusetts troops can avoid another call to arms. 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# CALLS MURDER OF MRS. SMALL ONE OF FOULEST IN ANNALS OF CRIME

POSSIBLE, N. H., Dec. 28.—The case upon which is based the state's charge that Frederick L. Small strangled and shot his wife, Mrs. Florence A. Small, after a quarrel, was the subject of a summary of the evidence to the jury by County Solicitor Walter H. Hill. His summary of the prosecution's material indicated that testimony not previously made public would be brought out. Threats by Small to kill his wife and abusive treatment of her, would be related, he said. The insurance policy of \$20,000 obtained by Small as a joint instrument covering the lives of both and payable to the survivor, was emphasized as a link in the circumstantial chain. Wires, spark plugs and alarm clock parts which were found in the basement of the cottage would be the subject of testimony of witnesses, according to the solicitor. The jury also of an inventory of the contents of the cottage, he said. The insurance policy of \$20,000 obtained by Small as a joint instrument covering the lives of both and payable to the survivor, was emphasized as a link in the circumstantial chain. Wires, spark plugs and alarm clock parts which were found in the basement of the cottage would be the subject of testimony of witnesses, according to the solicitor. The jury also of an inventory of the contents of the cottage, he said. The insurance policy of \$20,000 obtained by Small as a joint instrument covering the lives of both and payable to the survivor, was emphasized as a link in the circumstantial chain. Wires, spark plugs and alarm clock parts which were found in the basement of the cottage would be the subject of testimony of witnesses, according to the solicitor. The jury also of an inventory of the contents of the cottage, he said.

# OLD PAWTUCKET BRIDGE IS "BURNING" DOWN

Today the National Engineering corporation started to take down the last of the old iron bridge at Pawtucket, and before the end of the work it is expected that all the temporary superstructure will have been cleared away. Already the bridge begins to look like the completed structure. The sidewalk on the up river side has been finished for some weeks and is being used by the people of Pawtucket, and before the end of the work it is expected that all the temporary superstructure will have been cleared away. Already the bridge begins to look like the completed structure.

# WORK ON SCHOOL ADDITION IS PROGRESSING

Daniel H. Walker, the general contractor for the Pawtucket school addition, is pushing the work along rapidly and in a manner pleasing to the Commissioner of Education, Mr. J. H. Gilbert. The masons are now ready to lay brick above the second story and had it not been for the set back on account of the recent storms and the continued cold and unfavorable weather, it is safe to say that the contractor would be laying roof rafters by this time.

Mr. Walker, from the beginning, was handicapped in getting an early start on the new work because of work that positively had to be done in the old boiler room and on the new 200 ton underground coal pocket, which is located in the connecting space of the school yard between the old and the new building. The foundations of which are considerably deeper than, and interlock with the foundations of the new building and the old building.

This work involved excavating the old 25x44 foot boiler room 25 feet deeper, underpinning its surrounding walls and also the old walls adjacent to the new concrete coal pocket, demolishing the old chimney and building a new one approximately 45x55 feet high, resetting and erecting up the old boiler on a new foundation in another position and 5 1/2 feet lower, making ready for two additional boilers, building

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BERLIN REPORT COMPLETE  
DEFEAT OF RUSSIANS

BERLIN, Dec. 28, by wireless. The defeat of the Russian army by the German troops has been completed, it is announced officially. Russian troops which attempted to remain in Germany were thrust back and ejected from their new positions with heavy losses. Yesterday's fighting, the Austro-German forces took 2000 prisoners.

CHALIFOUX'S  
ON THE SQUARE

CLOTHES WITH "GO" IN  
THEIR EVERY LINE!

Heavy clothes for these chilly days, you bet. But heavy clothes with snappy lines are hard to get. Yet you want snappy lines. And that's where we ring in, right there, with brisk winter clothes that make the crisp days of snow and ice enjoyable. We are here to fit you out with snappy suits and overcoats that will hold their shape.

# GERMANY LOOKS TO UNITED STATES TO BRING PEACE

## Kaiser Willing to Impart Terms in Confidential Manner if it is Absolutely Necessary to a Conference

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Germany, to make public its terms and at the same time would not publicly divulge her own on any consideration. The view expressed in German circles here is that the Teutonic terms when laid before the entente delegates will be such as to admit of their acceptance.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, who hurried back to the capital last night, reiterated today suit from the present situation and that he considered it in a light of optimism. Germany's position is represented as one of willingness to impart her terms in a confidential manner first if that is absolutely necessary to a conference, but still preferring to reserve them for presentation at a round table where they could be discussed with more freedom.

BRITISH COMMENT  
LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Manchester Guardian, taking the point of view that Germany has rejected the proposals made in the American note, says that President Wilson's suggestion, instead of being "the outcome of a dark German scheme," is so embarrassing to Germany that it is evaded altogether in the reply which comes instead to the proposal Germany herself had made, which the allies already had rejected.

British denunciation of the note is an intention of asking the entente co-

# U. S. TROOPS REPLY TO SHOTS FIRED ACROSS MEXICAN BORDER

## Kentucky Guardsmen Fire Several Hundred Shots Across Rio Grande into Mexico—Carranza's Answer to United States Demands

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 28.—Several hundred shots were fired across the Rio Grande into Mexico west of here today by members of the Kentucky National Guard whose officers declared that the firing was a reply to shots fired from the Mexican side. So spirited were the American fire that residents of the district thought a machine gun battle was being waged but this was denied by Kentucky officers. There were no known casualties.

Capt. F. W. Clarke, in command of the company, Third Kentucky infantry, which did the firing, affirmed that he not only heard shots and flashes on the Mexican side but also saw some Mexican soldiers in the light of a street lamp crossing the bridge. He said the firing was a reply to shots fired from the Mexican side.

"About four shots were fired at our detached post when one of the men struck a match to light a cigarette," said Capt. Clarke. "The detachment had made out several men about and on horseback moving up the river bank. Firing seemed to come from several points. We kept on our fire until we were sure the Mexicans were driven well back. Several hundred shots were fired by us."

CARRANZA'S ANSWER  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Luis Carranza, chairman of the Mexican commission, arrived here from New York today, bringing the answer of Carranza to the demand of the American representatives that he ratify or repudiate the protocol signed at Atlantic City. He carried telegraphic assurances from the Mexican side, which had been a reply to shots fired from the Mexican side.

Deleas Being Recalled  
Mr. Arredondo today unqualifiedly denied published reports that he been recalled.

# ALDERMAN DONNELLY RAISES WAGES AND REPLIES TO MAYOR

Replying to Mayor O'Donnell's criticism published yesterday, relating to increases made by Commissioner Donnelly in his department, the commissioner today gave out the following statement: "I have just a word to say regarding the criticism published in the paper relative to the increases in the messenger's department, namely:—that I am glad that only the increase of one person meets with disfavor. It could hardly be expected that my action

# CARNIVOROUS PRISONER IN POLICE COURT

Pleading guilty to a charge of assault and battery in that he bit off a piece of a fellow comrade's nose during a fight over a slight difference of opinion, Philip Joseph was sentenced to four months in the house of correction by Judge Enright in police court this forenoon. The complainant was Wojek Stanislawski, workmate and life long friend of Joseph.

The assault occurred at the home of Andrew Stanislawski, brother of the complainant, on the night of Saturday, December 2. Although Joseph admitted being guilty of two charges, drunkenness and assault and battery, the evidence surrounding the trouble was submitted to the court on the question of sentence.

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# LOWELL MAN HELD FOR THE GRAND JURY

Kostas Kanakares, the Lowell man arrested by Officer Gookin of Chelsea, Tuesday, was arraigned before Judge Warren H. Atwood in the Ayer district court today charged with robbing Carl Canton of Graniteville of \$24. After a brief hearing probable cause was found and Kanakares was held in \$2000 bonds for the Middlesex county grand jury.

A plea of not guilty was entered. Canton told the story of being followed on the electric cars from a Middlesex street station, to Graniteville where he was knocked down and robbed of his wallet. He positively identified Kanakares as his assailant. Officer Gookin, street railway man, and a bartender from the saloon also testified.

# PAPER MANUFACTURERS TO ATTEND HEARINGS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Paper manufacturers here for the resumption tomorrow of the federal trade commission's open hearings, in its new private investigation, were called today to discuss certain phases of the situation.

It is understood the commission presented facts of its gathered regarding the question of a shortage and also took up the subject of prices.

Tomorrow at the open hearing the commission will present information uncovered by its investigators concerning production possibilities and profits in paper-making. A distribution plan that is being considered by the commission, also, it is expected, will be taken up, along with manufacturers and publishers.

# PATROLMAN SUSPENDED FOR SIX MONTHS

This afternoon at 2:30 o'clock a hearing was held in the mayor's office, city hall, in the case of Patrolman Hubert Goldrick who had been suspended of by Superintendent of Police Redmond Welch for alleged violation of rule 13.

At the hearing were Superintendent Welch, Lieutenant Duncan and Captain Atkinson. It was stated during the hearing that Patrolman Goldrick had been before Mayor Marjorie twice on complaints by the superintendent.

At the close of the hearing this afternoon Mayor O'Donnell stated that the patrolman had been found guilty and had been suspended from the police service for a term of six months.

# HOTEL NAPOLI

Friend St., Boston  
Table D'Hote Lunch, 11 to 3.....50c  
Table D'Hote Dinner, 5 to 9.....75c  
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Signor Palladino's Orchestra  
Open till Midnight

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There is no such thing as "class" advertising today. Merchants who look for "class" patronage are not progressive. The real live merchant caters to the masses, the people who spend the money. THE SUN is read by the masses, that's why advertising pays in THE SUN  
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## PUBLIC HEARING

—ON—

## Street Car Service

Will Be Held at

## CITY HALL

On Friday, Dec. 29

At 8 p. m.

If your car service is unsatisfactory, come forward and present your complaint.

JAMES E. O'DONNELL,

Mayor of Lowell.

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# NEW GRAND MASTER OF MASONS

LEON M. ABBOTT INSTALLED  
CLOCK AS GIFT TO MELVIN M. JOHNSON

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—As grand master of Masons in Massachusetts, Melvin M. Johnson, delivered his address and closed a three years' term yesterday afternoon in the Temple, and Leon M. Abbott was crowned with the hat and sash by Paul Devine when head of the craft in this state.

Grand lodge opened at 4, with grand master Johnson in the east, and a committee of 100 in the west. In the chamber were Deputy Grand Master



MELVIN M. JOHNSON  
Retiring Grand Master

ter Frank Vogel, Grand Wardens: D. Edwin Miller and Roscoe E. Leonard, Grand Treas.: Charles H. Ramsay, Grand Sec.: Frederick W. Hamilton, Past Grand Masters: Edwin L. Holmes, Charles T. Gallagher, J. Albert Blake, Clara J. Hadden and Rev. C. C. Bennett, Past Deputy: Grand Masters: Arthur G. Pollard, Herbert B. Fletcher, Albert L. Hayward, W. H. Emerson, William H. L. Odell, Louis C. Southard and Emory B. Gibbs, Past Grand Wardens: Daniel W. Lawrence, James A. Gleason, Samuel H. Jones, Charles S. Robinson, George W. Bishop, Chandler M. Peck, Charles E. Edwards, Frank W. Wood, Harry P. Ballard, Charles S. Proctor, H. G. Jordan, Oliver A. Roberts, Thomas T. Smith, John A. McKim, George C. Thacher, William M. Ebbett, William B. Law, Ralph and Albert A. O'Connell.

The committee of 100, in introducing grand master Johnson, presented him with a clock as a gift. The clock was presented to him by Paul Devine, who presented him with a clock as a gift.

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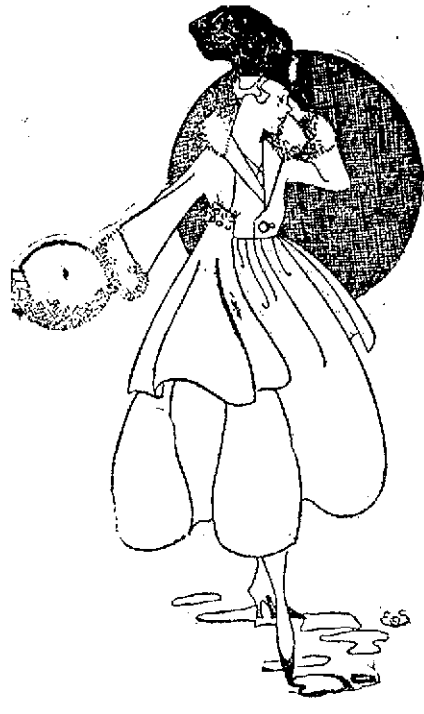
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# The Bon Marche

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200 High Grade COATS  
All new styles, new materials, new effects, all marked at special prices during this sale.

## Our Great Clearance Sale of High Grade Suits Brings You the Greatest Economies of the Year

After the greatest season in our entire history we are ready to clear our department of every suit at tremendous reductions.

HERE IS A SALE WORTH WHILE—A SALE WITH A REASON

Here is a sale greater than all our previous suit sales—a sale you must not miss. You Know the Kind of Suits We Carry—You can come here expecting the best suit value you've ever bought and you will not be disappointed.

EVERY SUIT IN THIS ENTIRE SALE WAS MADE FOR US AND TAILORED UP TO OUR STANDARD

Very few stores can show you the class of garments we sell. At these prices, every suit is a bargain. You will not see the equal again for a long time.

**Suits at \$9.50** SALE PRICE  
You never saw such bargains as these fur trimmed suits; regular prices \$16, \$17.95, \$19.95

**9.50**

**Suits at \$14.50** SALE PRICE  
A fine assortment of high grade, fine tailored suits; regular prices \$25, \$27.50

**14.50**

**Suits at \$19.50** SALE PRICE  
Beautiful fur trimmed children broadcloth; regular prices \$27.50, \$29.50, \$35, \$37.50

**19.50**

**Suits at \$25.00** SALE PRICE  
Exclusive suits, such as carried only by very high class shops; regular prices \$35, \$39.50, \$42.50, \$45

**25.00**



SALE OPENS TOMORROW MORNING

## A SENSATIONAL ESCAPE MAYOR-ELECT MULLEN FROM FORT TRICON REFUSES \$100 MORE

PRISONER ON WAY TO STATE FARM JUMPED FROM EXPRESS GOING 30 MILES AN HOUR

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—No information of the whereabouts of Roger Leonard, who made a sensational escape from the state farm, was received from the express train on Wednesday, as he was being taken from a Cambridge-bound train to the Bridgewater state farm, yesterday. The train was yesterday gathered by the police.

Leonard was sentenced on Tuesday morning in the Cambridge court to a term of 10 years in the state farm.

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## PROF. ELWELL, NOTED PHILOLOGIST, DEAD

After 60 years of service to the study of the history of the English language, Professor Elwell died yesterday.

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## ST. ANTONIO DE PADUA SOCIETY

The annual election of officers for the St. Antonio de Padua society was held last evening at a large and well-attended meeting of the organization in Chapel Street. In the course of the meeting other business was transacted and the officers elected for the coming year.

The result of the election was as follows:

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## GET RID OF HUMORS AND AVOID SICKNESS

Humors in the blood cause skin eruptions, pimples, and other ailments. Get rid of them by using the best medicine available. The best medicine is the one that is most effective and most economical. The best medicine is the one that is most effective and most economical.

## SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

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## HIGH HEELS PUT CORNS ON TOES

High heels put corns on toes. High heels put corns on toes. High heels put corns on toes. High heels put corns on toes. High heels put corns on toes.

## NOW YOU NEED DOOR MATS

Now you need door mats. Now you need door mats. Now you need door mats. Now you need door mats. Now you need door mats.

## WILL HOLD OPEN HOUSE

Will hold open house. Will hold open house. Will hold open house. Will hold open house. Will hold open house.

## GIVE CHRISTMAS PLAY

Give Christmas play. Give Christmas play. Give Christmas play. Give Christmas play. Give Christmas play.

## TRY THIS FOR A COLD—IT'S FINE!

Try this for a cold—it's fine! Try this for a cold—it's fine! Try this for a cold—it's fine! Try this for a cold—it's fine! Try this for a cold—it's fine!

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# J. S. NATIONAL BANKS GAIN BILLIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Resources of national banks of the United States, Controller Williams announced last night, have increased more than \$4,000,000,000 during the past two years and now aggregate \$15,520,000,000, exceeding by about \$1,000,000,000 the total resources of the Bank of England, the Bank of France, the Bank of Russia, the German Reichsbank, the Bank of Italy, the Bank of Spain, the Bank of The Netherlands, the Bank of Denmark, the Swiss National bank and the Imperial Bank of Japan combined.

In a statement based on returns from the last bank call, Nov. 17, the controller calls attention to the fact that the increase has been at the rate of approximately 18 per cent. a year during the past two years, as compared with 6 per cent. a year for the 10-year period from 1904 to 1914, and that the total resources are at present more than double what they were 12 years ago.

## WILL EXPLAIN THE NEW TAX LAW

Joseph E. Perry of Boston, attorney for the state tax commissioner and a speaker of wide experience, will give a lecture on the new tax law at Middlesex hall this evening. Mr. Perry is coming to Lowell at the request of the board of trade and will discuss and explain the new law, which goes into effect in this state with the beginning of the new year.

## \$664,300,000 IN GOLD BROUGHT INTO U.S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Gold valued at \$25,000,000, imported from Canada, has been deposited at the sub-treasury here in the amount of J. P. Morgan & Co. it was announced today. This makes a total of \$664,300,000 worth of this metal brought into the United States from all sources since Jan. 1.

## AVALANCHES AND LAND SLIDES CRUSH HOMES

### DESTRUCTION OF VILLAGE OF CHAMPERY THREATENED—TWO MEN KILLED

BERNE, via Paris, Dec. 28.—The destruction of the village of Champéry, a tourist resort in the canton of Valais is threatened by the sudden onset of a number of avalanches coupled with a land slide. Several houses have been crushed and the whole population has evacuated the village. Swiss troops and 200 interned French prisoners of war are working day and night to reserve the rest of the village.

An enormous avalanche has swept any Alpine huts near Simplon Pass, killing two men and many cattle.

### FIRST TRINITARIAN CHURCH

The First Trinitarian Congregational church held its annual meeting last evening with a large attendance. Deacon C. T. Upton was the moderator and much business was transacted. It was announced on the part of the Brotherhood that a printing press and type for church use had been installed in the basement. Following the formal meeting, refreshments were served by members of the Christian Endeavor society.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Clerk, Walter G. Kitchen; treasurer, Earle F. Farnham; deacons for three years, O. A. Brigham and Charles T. Upton; deacon for unexpired term, Walter G. Kitchen; trustees, Joseph C. McGray, Ernest L. Kimball and Mrs. Wilbur Alexander; superintendent of the Sunday school, Nelson C. Hill; auditor, Walter Gunston; standing committee, Harriet Wheeler, Jennie Clark and Mrs. Charles E. Cushman; directors of the Sunday school, Mrs. C. T. Upton, Mrs. G. E. Ames, Mrs. E. F. Farnham, Mrs. J. C. McGray and Mrs. Mary French; committee on state of church, Mrs. E. F. Farnham, Mrs. J. C. McGray and Mrs. Lawrence Keizer; discipline committee, Mrs. Cutting, Mrs. Abner, E. H. Smiley and J. C. McGray; committee on poor, Mrs. William Alexander, Mrs. E. C. McGray and Mrs. Abel Robertson; committee on sick, Mrs. S. C. Hill, Grace Hoyt, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. W. G. Kitchen, Mrs. McShane, Mrs. O. B. Rickett, Mrs. Savard and Mrs. W. I. Wiggins; committee on new members, Ivy Hamner, Charles Barlow, Mrs. M. A. Merrill, E. W. Smith, Elizabeth Tiffany, A. E. Wells, delegates to the Antioch association, Mrs. Charles Cushman, Fannie H. Murphy, A. E. Wells, Mrs. Buckley and W. E. Hunt.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

# Sale Starts When Doors Open at 8.30 Friday Morning

CHILDREN'S  
\$2.50 WOOL  
SWEATERS

Colors are navy,  
maroon and ox-  
ford. TO BE  
SOLD AT.....

1.69

**Chalifoux's**  
ON THE SQUARE  
ESTABLISHED 1877

WOMEN'S \$2.00  
PETTICOATS

Black and colored  
heatherbloom and  
silk petticoats. TO  
BE SOLD AT.....

1.39

# Greatest Suit, Coat, Dress, Waist, Fur and Sweater SALE OF THE YEAR

When we announce this to be the greatest sale of all sales we have held this year, we are fully prepared to meet the responsibility attached to that statement  
Considering the Rise in Prices of Merchandise These Values of Merchandise These Values are Extraordinarily Low.

## COATS

WOMEN'S COATS

Values up to \$20. Serviceable and warm coats of heavy mixture velour and other materials. Every garment fully guaranteed. TO BE SOLD AT.....

12.50

WOMEN'S \$22.50  
COATS

A genuine bargain and every one a new model, latest materials. TO BE SOLD AT.....

15.00

WOMEN'S \$22.50 to  
\$27.50 COATS

Many styles of rich broadcloth, velour, zibeline and other wool materials. TO BE SOLD AT.....

18.50

CHILDREN'S \$7.50 to  
\$12.00 COATS

Splendid garments for girls 6 to 14 years, good heavy materials such as chinchilla, zibeline and heavy mixtures. TO BE SOLD AT.....

5.00  
and  
7.50

\$3.00 WHITE AND  
COLORED VOILE  
WAISTS

Counter soiled. TO BE SOLD AT.....

1.00

\$3.00 CORDUROY  
SPORT WAISTS and  
MIDDY BLOUSES

TO BE SOLD AT.....

1.00

\$3 WHITE and COL-  
ORED CREPE DE  
CHINE SAMPLE  
WAISTS

Sizes 36 and 38. TO BE SOLD AT.....

1.00

WOMEN'S SKIRTS

Values up to \$14.50. 80 skirts, some broadcloth of highest grade, others novelty mixtures, checks and stripes. TO BE SOLD AT.....

7.50

## SUITS

WOMEN'S \$22.50  
SUITS

We believe that these suits today cost you less than the unmade material. They come in fine poplin, serge and broadcloth, principally in blues and black. TO BE SOLD AT.....

12.50

WOMEN'S SUITS

Values to \$35. We have set before you good suits at very low prices but never such qualities as these. Almost every material of the better kind and tailored by hands of experts. TO BE SOLD AT.....

18.50

## Furs—Furs—Furs

All of our high grade furs go on sale at prices that give no indication of their great values. Every piece with our guarantee.

\$7.00 and \$8.00 Values..... \$5.98  
\$10.00 Values..... \$7.50  
\$12.00 to \$15.00 Values..... \$9.75  
Others priced..... \$15 to \$50

## SKIRTS

WOMEN'S \$2.98  
SKIRTS

We cannot duplicate this lot of skirts today for less than \$2.98, the material alone is worth the price. TO BE SOLD AT.....

1.79

WOMEN'S \$5.00  
SKIRTS

The materials are principally poplin and serge, all new styles. We consider them extra value at \$5. TO BE SOLD AT.....

3.75

WOMEN'S \$7 to \$8.75  
SKIRTS

Checks, stripes, plain colors and novelty mixtures, including velour checks. A splendid assortment. TO BE SOLD AT.....

4.98

SEE WINDOWS

Nos. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20

## DRESSES

WOMEN'S \$3.00 TUB  
DRESSES

100 in this lot of high grade dresses, guaranteed absolutely fast color in pretty checks and stripes. \$3.00 is a low retail price. TO BE SOLD AT.....

2.39

WOMEN'S \$12.00 to  
\$14.50 SERGE  
DRESSES

High grade dresses, made of high grade serge in pretty styles, in blue and black—A few sizes are missing. TO BE SOLD AT.....

8.50

WOMEN'S SILK  
DRESSES

Values from \$15 to \$22.50. Just 60 at this price, mostly blue and black, a few shades of gray, rose and green, one or two of a style. TO BE SOLD AT.....

10.00

DRESSES AND  
COSTUMES

Values \$14.50 to \$55. We wish to call attention to the exquisite gowns and dresses that are priced at a great saving. TO BE SOLD AT.....

9.75  
to  
30.00

\$3.00 WAISTS

In maize, light blue, Nile and peach colored pussy willow taffeta, all sizes. TO BE SOLD AT.....

2.00

\$5.00 WAISTS

In Georgette crepe, radium lace and crepe de chine. TO BE SOLD AT.....

3.69

WOMEN'S \$4.00 ALL  
WOOL SWEATERS

Made with sailor collar and belt. TO BE SOLD AT.....

2.69

WOMEN'S \$6.00  
SWEATERS

Angora sweaters. TO BE SOLD AT.....

3.98

# NEW GERMAN VICTORY OVER RUSSIAN FORCES

Field Marshal von Mackensen is continuing his sledge hammer blows upon the Russians in northeastern Wallachia and is rapidly pushing them back to the line of the river Sereth in Moldavia. He won a new victory yesterday and captured an additional 2000 prisoners.

The most recent attack appears to have scored its greatest success in the region of Rimnik-Sarat on the railway, twenty miles north of Buzau. The Teutonic forces, stampeding the Russians from the new line they had taken up after the failure of a Russian counter attack have pushed forward beyond Rimnik-Sarat. Towards the Danube to the southeast the Russian lines also were pierced and the Austro-German forces are advancing northeastward in the direction of the important Rumanian grain and oil storehouse of Barila, on the Danube.

Across the Danube from Barila the Germano-Bulgarian-Turkish forces made headway in the attack upon Matchin bridge head, where the last remaining Russian forces in Dorudja are hanging onto the northwestern corner of the province. Military correspondents report that the Teutonic divisions on the Dobrudja side at this point are able to reach Barila without any doubtless under heavy fire from the hostile artillery.

On the other war fronts the fighting has been of a minor character. The French on the Somme front have been successful in rather extensive mining operations and report also the repulse

of a German surprise attack on Hill 74, northwest of Verdun. Berlin, in its report on the western front fighting, announces the loss of eight airplanes by the entente.

## ON RUSSIAN FRONT

BERLIN, Dec. 28, by wireless to Sayville.—Patrol activities on the Russian front are reported in today's army headquarters statement on operations in that war area.

## ALLIED ATTACKS FAIL

BERLIN, Dec. 28, by wireless to Sayville.—Unsuccessful attacks by the British on Bulgarian advanced lines in the Lake Doiran region are announced in today's army headquarters statement.

## SUCCESS FOR FRENCH

PARIS, Dec. 28.—French troops last night repulsed small attacks near Le Chenoy on the Somme and upon the eastern slope of Hill 204, west of the Meuse in the Verdun region, the war office announced today.

Minor attacks by the French near Neuvaigues on the Somme front, caused great damage to the German defenses. One of the explosions produced a crater 120 yards long and 40 yards wide.

The French flying corps yesterday attacked several blast furnaces and steel mills. The airplanes were aided in the attacks by two dirigibles.



## 25% REDUCTIONS ON FURS

Fox Mufts at.....\$10.00  
Nat. Raccoon Mufts.....\$8.98

All our beautiful Sets are reduced.

## FUR COATS

Share In These Three Days' Reductions

Muskrat Coats.....\$59.50  
Hudson Seal Coats.....\$75.00  
Nat. Raccoon Auto Coats \$100

Reductions on Fur Coats are about \$25.00 each.

## SWEATERS

50 New Sweaters received too late for Xmas; should be \$5.00. Sale.....\$3.98

## CHERRY AND WEBB SAY:

# CLEAR THE RACKS

Sell all the surplus stocks left from Xmas. Store upset. Cost and less to rid ourselves of all odd garments. Come quick, pick up the profits.

35 CLOTH SUITS, selling to \$15.00. Choice.....\$8.98

87 CLOTH SUITS, taken from the \$12.75 and \$15.75 reels. Choice.....\$10.00

CLOTH SKIRTS, in poplin and serge, sold at \$5.98 and \$7.50. Sale.....\$3.98, \$5

## SECOND FLOOR

SILK DRESSES, 40 in number, some were \$18.00. Sale price

CHOICE OF THE SUIT STOCK

Sold at as high as \$40. Choice...\$18.75

## COME TODAY

125 DOZ WAISTS

SACRIFICED

\$2.50 Lingerie Waists...\$1.17  
\$4.00 Silk Stripes...\$1.89  
\$6.00 Waists.....\$3.49

Bargain Tables at These Prices

60 SERGE DRESSES, sold to Choice.....\$12.50

ABOUT 2000

## COATS

In Wool Plush, Velour, Salt's Plush, Bolivia Cloth and Mixtures, on reels, at

\$12.75, \$14.75,

\$16.75 and \$18.75

You will wonder at the values.



Lots of One and to Ten Garments Put on Tables at Rummage Prices

# CHERRY & WEBB, 12-18 JOHN ST.

## VERY SPECIAL

# Costume Dept.

## SECOND FLOOR

25 High Grade Costumes at Reductions averaging \$5 to \$10 per costume.

SEE THEM TODAY

# Basement STORE

Has Provided Some Lively Bargains

\$8.98 Silk Poplin Dresses \$5.00

Children's \$4.00 Raincoats, hats to match.....\$2.98

\$3.00 aBth Robes.....\$1.98

All Wool Serge Dresses, \$7.50 and \$8.75 values.....\$5.48

\$5.00 Silk Kimonos.....\$2.67

New Spring House Dresses, 97c

Children's Coats, 2-6 years, values \$4.00. Choice.....\$2.98

\$1.00 Lingerie Waists

60 Children's Dresses, sold at \$1.50. Choice.....\$1.17

\$1.50 Angora Sets.....98c

## GERMANY LOOKS TO U. S.

Continued

The imperial government is ready, when this point has been reached to co-operate with the United States at this sublime task.

## REPLY TO SWISS NOTE

BERLIN, Dec. 27, via London, Dec. 28.—The German reply to the Swiss note was handed to the Swiss minister today. It is on the same lines as the reply to President Wilson.

## ANSWER A POLITE REFUSAL

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The morning newspapers today are unanimous in pronouncing the German answer to President Wilson's note to the belligerents a polite refusal to comply with his suggestions.

"Germany," says the Matin, "intentionally reverses the terms of President Wilson's note and requests representatives of the nations at war to meet themselves at a conference table and talk at random, without knowing what they intend to say. She knows the allies will never make peace on the terms which she at present is disposed to offer, but during the period of temporary slackening in hostilities she will be able to obtain fresh supplies while secretly planning new military operations, just as she prepared for mobilization during the diplomatic conversations of July, 1914."

"While giving satisfaction to the United States by a clear explanation of our duties it behooves us now more than ever to keep close watch on the movements of the enemy at all hour when he is attempting to hoodwink us."

The Petit Parisien says: "The reply of Germany and Austria-Hungary is not a direct, loyal answer to the American suggestion. It is only a hypocritical refusal."

President Wilson asks the belligerents to state their conditions. The central powers ignore this and simply offer a conference without any preliminaries. That is a trap in which they very naively thought to catch the allies.

He understands the haste with which they replied without waiting for the concerted note of the allies which it is a pity was not sent earlier. President Wilson asked for guarantees for the maintenance of lasting peace. Berlin and Vienna postponed their explanations until later. The president of the United States can in no way declare himself satisfied. As for the allies, their reply to the Washington cabinet is made much easier."

Stephen Pichon writes in the Petit Journal: "The American note regarding the inspiration of which we are as not sufficiently enlightened has at least had the merit of unmasking a German maneuver. That is a self-evident truth which we formulated here from the very first. It is now fully proved that it is that. It would suffice for neutrals to ask Germany for the details of the peace she wishes to conclude to make it impossible for her to furnish them."

In the Figaro Alfred Capus says: "Germany in her answer to President Wilson proposes a meeting of delegates at a neutral city. That city if it was specified, would remain forever famous as the scene of the greatest trap in history."

## EXPLAINS NOTE TO SONNINO

ROME, Dec. 28, via Paris. American Ambassador Page had a long interview with Baron Sonnino, the Italian foreign minister today in regard to President Wilson's note. Ambassador Page elucidated the subject of controversy in the Italian press and emphasized the friendly spirit which moved the president to address the belligerent powers.

## REGARDS REPLY AS EVASION

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The German reply to President Wilson's note is regarded as an evasion by the Launceston Gazette which says:

"The Berlin government pretends to welcome President Wilson's initiative, but it really evades answering the American note as well as the Swiss note. It suggests a conference between the belligerents at a conference held behind closed doors and at the end of which each of the negotiators would be free to boast of extensive

connections made and accuse his adversary of secret reservations and bad faith. What the appeal of Washington and Bern is for is the juxtaposition in full daylight of the objects of the war, but the objects pursued being evidently contained in the motives of those who let loose the war these motives cannot help being made apparent. It is easy to see what a formidable indictment they would form and why Berlin and Vienna insist on discussing peace on the basis of the war map and refuse a procedure which would throw a full light on the responsibility for the war."

AUSTRIA ANSWERS SWISS NOTE. BERLIN, Dec. 27, via London, Dec. 28.—A Vienna dispatch says that the Austro-Hungarian government today answered the Swiss note by transmitting a copy of the note sent to President Wilson. A covering message assured the Helvetic government that the "unhoped-for suggestion of President Wilson met with a thoroughly sympathetic reception. Austria-Hungary. The message added that the Austro-Hungarian government regarded the Swiss action in supporting President Wilson as an evidence of the "noble and humane feelings which Switzerland, since the beginning of the war, has manifested toward all the belligerents."

## SMALL MURDER

Continued

drawn up carefully in minute detail which was found in Small's satchel after the fire.

Solicitor Hill, in his opening statement first discussed evidence to be presented to the jury of acts of cruelty which he alleged Small had inflicted on his wife at various times. Among these, he said, was an incident a few nights before her death when, in a card game with neighbors Small rebuked his wife harshly for a misdeal, causing her to cry. Threats to kill his wife would also be proved by witnesses, according to the solicitor.

Small's movements were traced by the prosecuting official from the time he left his home on the day of the murder. He told of Small's request to Edwin C. Connor, a school teacher, that he take him to his home at 100 West Main street, where he plans to accompany him on Boston a week later and make the trip that day.

He told the jurors also how George Kennett, a driver, reached the Small home half an hour before the time appointed by Small but found the latter outside the house ready to start. Continuing, Solicitor Hill told of testimony which the prosecution would offer concerning Small's actions after he was told of the fire, and of the discovery in his satchel of the inventory contents of the cottage. Expert testimony regarding the possible use of connection with the fire of wires, spark plugs and parts of alarm clocks which were found in the ruins of the cottage basement.

The presenter closed his outline of the case with a declaration that the murder of Mrs. Small was one of the foulest and most brutal in the annals of crime.

## First Witness

As the first witness, Harry W. Sawyer, told the jury he called to the stand to describe a plot of the grounds about the Small cottage which he drew for use at the trial.

George D. Emerson of Quincy, who occupied a cottage at Lake Ossipee, testified that with Mrs. Emerson he attended a card party at the Small home five days before the murder and that Small spoke to Mrs. Small in a manner which caused her to cry. Mrs. Emerson, who followed her husband on the stand, told of hearing a woman's screams after they had returned to their home nearby.

## SMALL WEEPS OVER RUINS

OSPEE, N. H., Dec. 28.—Frank L. Small, former postal real estate broker and alleged wife slayer, wept today at the opening of his trial in the Carroll county courthouse, revealed deep emotion yesterday when, his jurors peered, he gazed upon the ruins of the cottage which he had lived in for three years.

There last September was found the body of Mrs. Arlene Curry Small, strangled, beaten, shot, and buried in the ruins of the cottage. The ruins were left to rot, and the trace of crime. Yesterday afternoon the prisoner wept bitterly when he viewed the snow-covered foundation of his habitation.

It was dark when the jurors returned to Ossipee and, freed from their ride through the wintry countryside, they turned into bed early.

## The Jury

On the jury of which Elmer L. Barry of Middlebury, former justice of the peace, a gardener, a lumber dealer, a chauffeur, a stationary engineer and a carpenter. A list of the members follows:

James N. Salomon, 36, farmer, of Middlebury.

John Eastman, 34, chauffeur, of

## NORMAL SCHOOL CLASS

HOLDS REUNION

A very charming affair took place this afternoon at Page's restaurant at 3 o'clock when the State Normal school class of 1912 held its annual reunion and banquet. Members were present from Haverhill, Lawrence, Methuen, Cambridge, Nashua, Swampscott and Bradford, but by far the greater number were from Lowell.

Miss Marian Christion of Methuen acted as toastmistress, and those who responded to toasts were Miss Eva LaFlamme of Haverhill; Miss Mary Flahaven, Lowell; Miss Florence Hogan of Cambridge; Miss Margaret Comer of Lawrence and the class president, Miss Irene M. Simmons of Bradford.

Songs were sung by Misses Bernice Abbott, Eva Shaber, Marietta Calahan and others. Miss Anna McNabb acted as accompanist and belted numbers were given by Miss Eva LaFlamme.

## WORK IN SCHOOL

Continued

the new concrete coal pocket, and other miscellaneous work.

Only small sections of the new underground wall could be laid at a time requiring extreme caution and considerable time for setting up scaffolding, before other sections could be started, and the old foundation wall, which unfortunately, proved to be a bad one, had to be removed and replaced by a new one. The work was done slowly and carefully for fear of the old wall crumbling in when undermined. However, the new foundation of the old building wall now rests on a new foundation, safer and stronger than ever before and not a crack or other defect has developed in the old work because of it.

## Big Ledge Encountered

Again, a huge ledge measuring more than 50 cubic yards, discovered directly under the old boiler as it was being taken apart and which extended down and spread out under all the supporting columns on that side of the foundation, and which required shoring up the building on that side in order to get the stone out from under, tied up the work for three weeks or more.

It took up the remaining part of the old boiler and accounts for the temporary use of the gas steam radiators when so successfully transferred the chilly air in the class rooms at the beginning of the cooler weather.

This ledge even under more favorable conditions would have been a tough proposition, but being situated 12 1/2 feet deep in the basement of a school building filled with children where blasting could only be done during recess and after school hours made the work extremely slow and dangerous. But the ledge is gone and all is intact save a few broken pieces in the boiler room windows.

While only a few men could be used to advantage on the slow tedious preliminary work when the chance came for getting big gangs to work the building sprang up very rapidly.

The old Pavlovsk school, situated on the corner of Fourth avenue and Mammoth road, is a three-story brick

building with a slate covered hipped roof and contains eight class rooms, an assembly hall, a principal's room and a supply room. The class rooms accommodate 48 pupils each. Four rooms are located on the first story and four on the second story. The assembly hall, seating about 100 pupils, is on the third floor. Corridors extending from front to back divide the class rooms evenly on the first and second floor and terminate at front and back in staircase halls. Both staircase halls extend from the first to the third floor and have two flights of stairs each. Only the stairways in the rear hall extend to the basement.

The front staircase hall follows Mammoth road has one exit at the ground level. The rear staircase hall has two exits at the ground level, one on the boys' side and one on the girls' side, which is the Fourth avenue side. The boys and girls play rooms are in the basement and are divided by a brick wall running parallel with the first story corridor and directly under the middle of it. Each of these playrooms has two exits, one via the old rear staircase hall and one via a direct hallway exit near the front of the building. When the new work is completed these play rooms will each have a third exit through the basement corridor of the addition.

The boiler room is in the rear corner of the old basement on the boys' side. This has been made 5-1-2 feet deeper and rearranged to take three boilers instead of one to supply heat for both the old and new buildings.

The New Building

The new building, which is designed to be an extension to the old building, will be a two-story brick building, having a flat tar and gravel roof and will contain eight class rooms 25 by 32 feet, four rooms on each floor to seat 50 pupils each, a manual training room, 28 by 50 feet, with large stock room leading to rear, located in the rear of the basement, on the Fourth avenue side; a domestic science room 28 by 32 feet with pantry and supply room located in the rear corner of the basement on the opposite side; two large supply rooms; an emergency room and a teachers' rest room. The corridors are 12 feet wide and extend from the rear of the old staircase hall forming with each old corridor a continuous corridor which terminates in a new staircase at the rear of the new building.

The basement corridor begins at the rear of the old basement stairs and is divided by an 8-in. brick wall into corridors 4 feet wide until it reaches beyond the staircase and from this point it becomes a single corridor and ends in the improved staircase.

In the complete arrangement there will be an exit at each end of the new building and two central exits, one in the basement and one in the main building, which exits are arranged to serve both buildings. Close to the central exits the toilets for the boys and girls will be placed in the basement and will be equally accessible from either building and from the school yards.

The old unnecessary plumbing with discarded toilet and both bathrooms will be equipped with a new system of plumbing up to date in every particular and located in well lighted, well ventilated rooms. Every door will have special toilet, drinking fountain, etc., for teachers and caretakers.

## The Heating System

At the present time the old building is heated by direct steam with no incoming fresh air whatever except such as might leak in through cracks, the such windows as through open windows and doors.

Two large, displaced ventilating shafts, opening to all rooms, which had outlets in the roof towers are supposed to replace the foul air, but they are by their nature and arrangement most dangerous fire hazards. This defect will be corrected by the new system of ventilation.

The ventilating system in the old building will be entirely new and, for the direct heating, use will be made of the existing steam piping and radiators. Automatically tempered and regulated fresh air will be blown through galvanized ducts

into the rooms of both buildings by fans run by gas engines, one located in the basement of the old building and the other in the basement of the new building.

Two of the new second story class rooms on the Fourth avenue side will be equipped with Simplex reversible windows so that these rooms may be used for ordinary classes or instantly converted into open fresh air rooms.

The equipment of the manual training room, domestic science room, emergency room, teachers' room, stock rooms, class rooms and other rooms will be equal to the highest modern standards.

## Intercommunicating Telephones

There will be intercommunicating telephones in each room in the old and new buildings connected with the principal's office, electric time clocks in each room regulated by the master time clock in the principal's office, electric bells in each room, corridor and school yard ring automatically by a program clock connected with the master clock.

The old building and the new building will be equipped with a new system of electric lighting, all of the wires for which will be run in steel conduit. Emergency gas lights will be placed in all corridors, exits, etc.

A great deal of attention has been given to making the building safe against spreading of fire and smoke and against danger from possible panic. In addition to these in the new building two sets of smoke doors will be installed in each corridor of the old building.

Attention has been given to sunlight and the new class rooms will have an abundance of light in every case coming from the left of the pupil. The old wardrobes have no direct light, the new ones will have outside light and large groups will make larger windows possible in the basement rooms.

The exterior has been designed to harmonize with the old building and an effort made to make the detail, the brick, the color and the brown stone trimmings of the new as closely in accordance with that of the old as it is possible to do in a building covered with a different type of roof.

The following concerns have contracted for the work: Daniel H. Walker, general contractor; John A. Foster & Co. heating and ventilating; F. P. McMahon & Co. plumbing; T. H. & P. J. P. electrical work; F. E. Gilbert, architect; and Richard D. Kimball Co. heating and ventilating engineers.

## SCARLET FEVER EPIDEMIC

Thirty Cases, and One Death In Boys' and Girls' Institution In Rhode Island

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 28.—There is an epidemic of scarlet fever with 30 cases in emergency hospitals established at the Sackness school at Howard, in the boys' school at Sackness and the school for girls.

There has been one death from the epidemic, according to a report received from the state institutions this afternoon. The epidemic was first noted November 15.

## COTTON SEED PRODUCTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The census bureau announced today its report on cotton seed and cotton seed products for the quarter ending Oct. 31, as follows:

Cotton seed received at mills, 2,287,233 tons, crushed, 1,082,554 tons; on hand at mills Oct. 31, 1,227,712 tons; stock of byproduct, 312,552,223 pounds; on hand, 22,552,223 pounds. Linters oil, 27,576,566 pounds of 500 pounds; on hand, 151,262 bales; 100 lb. oil, 64,212 bales; on hand, 7561 bales; refined oil produced, 14,378,178 pounds; on hand at mills, 1,234,243 pounds; imports of oil, 1,234,243 pounds; exports of oil, 1,234,243 pounds; exports of linters, 1,234,243 pounds; 100 lb. oil, 1,234,243 pounds.

## SWEDISH STEAMER SUNK

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Lloyd's shipping agency announced that the Swedish steamer Pigea is believed to have been sunk.

# BANDIT KILLED BY PAL SCARCITY OF WHEAT DURING HOLD-UP

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 28.—One bandit was killed by his companion during the hold-up of a street car early today. The dead man was Leo P. Wood, 37, a parolee prisoner from Mansfield reformatory. Two shots were fired by the other bandit at the conductor, one of which accidentally struck Wood. He escaped. The affair took place in the outskirts of the city. There were no passengers on the car.

## GREEK DEMOBILIZING ARMY

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The foreign office has received advices that the Greek government is carrying out its promise to demobilize the Greek army. The work is proceeding satisfactorily, the advices indicate.

## ARBITRATION TREATY SIGNED

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 28.—A general arbitration treaty between Brazil and Uruguay was signed today by Dr. Lauro Muller, Brazilian foreign minister, and a special ambassador sent here by Montevideo.

## BREAD TICKETS IN SWEDEN

COPENHAGEN, via London, Dec. 27.—A Stockholm dispatch to the Ekstrabladet says that bread and flour tickets will be issued in Sweden from Jan. 15.

## NEWSPAPERS RAISE PRICE

Darton, O., Publications Go to Two Cents a Copy Because of Increased Cost of Paper

DAYTON, O., Dec. 28.—Increase in the cost of white paper and other things entering into the making of a newspaper are given as the cause of increase in price yesterday of The Daily News, the Evening Herald and The Morning Journal to two cents a copy.

## POOR WHEAT HARVEST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Argentina wheat harvest this year will be one of the poorest the country ever has seen, due to injury by drought and locusts. Consular reports received today said the amount of grain available for export this year will total not more than one million tons. Normally two and one-half million tons are exported. Current prices in the republic are the highest ever known.

## NO DAMAGE TO ORANGE CROP

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 28.—A statement that the orange crop "as a whole" had not suffered from the low temperatures prevailing last night in the southern California citrus belt was made today by G. Harold Howell, general manager of the California Fruit Growers' exchange. He said the volume of shipments would not be reduced.

## LICENSE COMMISSION

A special meeting of the license commission will be held Saturday morning to grant theatre and amusements licenses that expire the first of the year, due to office.

## SEC. BAKER TO STAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Sec. Baker has gone to Cleveland to attend to local affairs there and sell his house. Rumors that he would leave the cabinet, it is said yesterday, were thereby disposed of. Officials closely associated with the secretary said yesterday they were positive he would continue at his present post.

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## PRESIDENT WILSON 60 YEARS OLD TODAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—President Wilson was 60 years of age today. He was the recipient of many congratulatory messages from all parts of the country and abroad. No special celebration was planned for the day.

### IN POLICE COURT

rested Joseph after he had been summoned to Andrew's house in Common street. He said that he found the piece of the man's nose that had been bitten off on the floor. Joseph was drunk, he said, and Wojek was sober. The complainant said that the defendant held his arms and bit his nose. Before the trouble on that day they had been excellent friends, visiting each other every day. He had been at the defendant's house an hour prior to the assault and they had a few drinks together. He admitted that the fight first started at the defendant's house but denied that he kicked anyone. After the fight, the complainant went home and later went to his brother's house. A short time afterward Joseph appeared and Wojek said to him:

"What did you want to insult me at your house for?"

"If you didn't get enough I'll give you more," Joseph is said to have answered. Both men then clinched and fell to the floor. They struggled until each other's arms were used. Joseph put his teeth in Wojek's nose and then closed his mouth tightly. This story was corroborated in part by Andrew Stankowski, brother of the complainant. The defendant's version of the affair was somewhat different. He said that he was accustomed to visit Andrew's house regularly and went there on the night of the trouble without any ill feeling toward anyone. He said as soon as he opened the door he was struck on the head with some obstacle which knocked him down. Both brothers then attacked him, he said, and he lay on the floor unconscious. When he recovered he learned the story about Wojek's nose but didn't remember of biting it. He admitted that he had been drinking heavily.

Judge Barlett stated that he was satisfied that it was a mutual assault, but the force used by the defendant was outrageous and unwarranted. Counsel for the complainant asked for a severe sentence, saying that the assault was more like the act of a dog than a human being.

### Junk Men in Scap

About two weeks ago two keen competitors in the junk business met face to face in the wholesale shop of Abram Dinnerman in Suffolk street. Old disputes were renewed and a fight followed which resulted in the appearance in court today of Julius Golding, one of the junk dealers, charged with assault and battery on Harry Golding, the other dealer.

Golding testified that he was selling some rubber to Mr. Dinnerman when Goldman entered and accused him of putting lead in the rubber to make them weigh more. Witness said that the men exchanged a few remarks that were not complimentary to either and that Julius became excited, picked up a quart ale bottle and hit him on the head with it. He also claimed that Goldman hurled a stove grate at him and missed his head by inches.

Defendant denied that he committed any assault, claiming that he was struck by Golding. He was found guilty and ordered to pay a fine of seven dollars.

### Gill Was Robbed

Edward Belanger, who pleaded not guilty yesterday to a charge of robbing Peter Gill on the banks of the Pawtucket canal last Saturday, abandoned his plea to guilty when arraigned on continuance today. According to Lieut. Maher, Belanger admitted being one of three men to hold up Gill and said that he got nine dollars as his share of the booty. Belanger was held in \$500 surety for the superior court, the case being beyond the jurisdiction of the police court.

### Lawyers and Liquor

Charles Tessier, who was arrested

last week after holding his family at bay with a bread knife, was called on continuance today. Mrs. Tessier said that she didn't want him home and wouldn't dare to live with him after the recent experience. When asked what her husband had been doing with his money, Mrs. Tessier said that he spent it all for lawyers and liquor. Tessier promised to pay his wife nine dollars a week if he allowed another chance and he was given a suspended sentence of six months in the house of correction on this condition.

### Drunken Offenders

James Mone was released from the state farm last Saturday. He was in police court yesterday and vowed that he would never take another drink if given a chance to go out and find work. James soon forgot his promise, however, and he was booked for drunkenness a few hours later. A four months' jail sentence was imposed.

Frank Martin pleaded not guilty to a charge of drunkenness but the testimony of two police officers was too convincing and he was committed to jail for 10 days. Martin was found stretched out on a piazza in Wilder street Tuesday night enjoying a quiet sleep despite the low temperature.

## GREAT IMPROVEMENT IN U. S. MARKSMANSHIP

### REGULAR LIFE OF TROOPS IN MEXICO HAS STEADIED THEIR NERVES

FIELD HEADQUARTERS AMERICAN EXPEDITION IN MEXICO, Dec. 28.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The improvement in marksmanship is being noted in reports received at field headquarters. The regular life of the soldiers has steadied their nerves and the clear air of the Mexican plateau region make sighting easy. Another factor in the good showing is the steady drill the troops have received in the use of new methods of which are being tried by the cavalry with remarkable success. Machine gun troops also are being drilled to use them to the best advantage. Recently several companies of the 16th infantry were brought north from El Valle and demonstrated their marksmanship to the benefit of the officers stationed here. The machine gun work was under the direction of Captain F. S. Bowen, assisted by Captain W. C. Short.

Among the most interesting experiments now being conducted is that in pistol firing by a detachment of cavalry chosen at random. A pistol bout is being conducted, the work has evolved a unique line of targets worked by ropes and pulleys, which fall when the cavalry charge over them. The attempt is being made to evolve a system of pistol firing while charging. At present the men are firing directly ahead while leaning forward in their saddles and holding their arms just ahead to the right of their mounts' ears. Excellent results, it is said, have already been obtained.

When ammunition arrives, another interesting test will be made, that of determining how effectively the present three-inch field gun will demolish barbed wire entanglements, trenches and bomb proofs. A line of fortifications has been constructed as nearly like those in Europe as possible. The artillery will be allowed to work on these under conditions that would obtain in actual war and the results of their fire will be noted.

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### OLD PAWTUCKET BRIDGE

Continued

National Engineering corporation, Mayor O'Donnell went to see the removal of the old iron bridge this morning. The remaining portion is very heavy but it was being effectively burned down by a gang of men who used acetylene torches. The condensed acetylene comes in four sized tanks and the torch is made by means of a pipe arrangement. The burning down of the old bridge was an extremely pretty sight and many stood at the Pawtucketville side enjoying the rare spectacle. The gas burned with an exceptionally brilliant flame and from the heavy iron structure fell a shower of sparks resembling fireworks. The men who used the torches guarded carefully against burns and they are obliged to wear smoked glasses to protect their eyes from the glare.

With representatives of the corporation, the mayor, Fire Chief Saunders and newspaper representatives went over the bridge and examined it closely. It was stated that before the middle of next week the filler would be put in place between the arches and that in a short time the bridge would be ready for temporary traffic uses. One of the most serious propositions is to raise the grade of the street on the Pawtucketville side and to grade the grade of the bridge, and this will necessitate the extras which the municipal council recently commissioned the bridge builders to attend to. Mayor O'Donnell said that the filling in of the hollow and the bringing of the new bridge in line with the main thoroughfare would be much appreciated by those who had experienced difficulty in driving over the old structure.

In addition to burning down the upper portions of the iron bridge this morning, gangs of men were removing the lumber that had been used in the false work in the making of the frame, and an idea of the work could be gained from the enormous quantity of wood used. All of the heavier filler has been taken away and the bridge looks practically as it will look when the railings and lights are in place and when the concrete surface is poured over the filler. At the Mammoth road end of the new bridge preparations are being made for the park developments. Many of the granite blocks and larger stones have been cleared away and the line of the curved wall is clearly defined.

## DEATHS

**HAND**—Mrs. Jennie C. Hand died Tuesday in Elmira, N. Y., aged 68 years. Mrs. Hand was the widow of Edward E. Hand and lived in Lowell for many years. She leaves one son, Edward E. Hand of Elmira.

**BAIJOS**—Peter Bajos died yesterday at his home, 471 Market street, aged 52 years. He leaves his wife and one son. The body was in the care of Undertakers C. H. Molloy's Sons.

**JONES**—Mrs. Rose Etta (Maguire) Jones, aged 31 years, died this morning at her home, 15 Saratoga street, after a short illness. She leaves her husband, Mr. Jones, and a mother, Mrs. James Maguire and one sister, Mrs. John Ready, and three brothers, James, Philip and Dennis Maguire.

**KAYE**—Mr. Joshua Kaye passed away early this morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Francis Carman, 825 Lakeview avenue, after a long illness at the age of 75 years and 1 month. Mr. Kaye is survived by his wife, Eliza; one son, Owen Kaye; two daughters, Mrs. Francis Carman and Mrs. James Bax; three grandchildren, Adeline Bax, Nellie and Gertrude Kaye; one grandson, Harry Broadbent in England.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We, the undersigned, wish to thank our many kind relatives and friends for their acts of kindness and spiritual and moral offerings on the death of our beloved husband and brother.

Mrs. Michael McNamara,  
Mrs. John Callery,  
Mrs. J. Mahoney,  
Dennis McNamara.

### FUNERAL NOTICES

**ELLIS**—Died today in Chelmsford Centre, Mrs. Mary A. Ellis, aged 73 years, 9 months, 19 days, at the home of her son, Herbert E. Ellis of Bridge street. She is survived by her husband, Eliza W. Ellis and two sons, Fred E. of Belfast, Me., and Herbert E. of Chelmsford Centre. Prayers will be held at the home of her son Herbert E. Ellis, Bridge street, Chelmsford Centre, Friday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. Kindly omit flowers. The regular funeral service and burial will be at her home in Belfast, Me., Sunday afternoon, Undertaker Geo. W. Healey in charge.

**JONES**—The funeral of Mrs. Rose Etta (Maguire) Jones will take place Saturday morning at 8 o'clock from her late home, 15 Saratoga street. High mass of requiem will be sung at the Sacred Heart church at 9 o'clock. Burial at St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertaker James H. McDermott in charge.

**KAYE**—Died in this city, Dec. 28, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Francis Carman, 825 Lakeview avenue, Joshua Kaye, aged 75 years, and 1 month. Funeral services will be held at the home, 825 Lakeview avenue on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are respectfully invited to attend. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker William H. Saunders.

### FUNERALS

**MONAHAN**—The funeral of the late Mrs. Annie Gleason Monahan took place this morning from her home, 10 Dunley street, and was very largely attended by sorrowing relatives and friends including a number from Boston, Springfield, New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia. The cortege proceeded to St. Columba's church where, at 10 o'clock, a solemn mass of requiem was sung by Rev. Brendan Shea, administrator of the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Camden, N. J., assisted by Rev. John Degan, former pastor of St. Columba's, who was also Rev. Thomas Buckley as sub-deacon, the pastor, Rev. P. J. Hally being present in the sanctuary. The choir rendered the Gregorian mass, the solos being sustained by Miss Frances Tighe, Miss Etta Martin and Mr. James E. Donnelly, Miss Katherine Wholey presiding at the organ. There was a profusion of beautiful floral tributes including a pillow from the family; wreath the Gleason family, and pieces from Otto J. Mendelike and Mrs. Lillian Smith Emerson, Thomas Sheehy and family, Mr. Patrick Neely, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Hennessy and family, Owen Monahan and Mrs. Rose Cox, Mrs. Heatherman and family, Mr. J. T. Dunphy, Mrs. D. J. Donovan, the Bachman family, Mrs. and Miss Grallon, Mr. and Mrs. E. Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. J. McMahon, the Gallagher family, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Gleason, faculty and students of Wood's business college, Miss Minnie Peter, Rev. Nicholas, the Crinson club, Mr. and Mrs. D. Monahan and family, Martin Monahan and family, Mrs. Catherine Jameson and family, the Misses Farrell, the Misses Julia and Catherine Angier, Mr. James T. Sheehan, Mary Reek, the Misses Catherine and Mary O'Leary, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. O'Leary, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Monahan, Mr. and Mrs. Dugan and family, the Sullivan family, the Gleason family, Mrs. E. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Monahan, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Murphy, Mrs. Catherine Cogger and family, Mrs. Catherine Doyle, Helen and Edna Douglas, Gertrude Kennedy and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Crowley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Cox, Mrs. Cady, Mrs. M. Caver, Mrs. Boddy. The bearers were Frederick Joseph and Mark Gleason, brothers of deceased, and Martin Monahan, Dominick Monahan and Patrick Monahan, brothers-in-law.

At the grave Rev. Father Shea read the committal prayers, assisted by Rev. Father Buckley. The burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

**GRIMES**—The funeral of Peter Grimes took place yesterday afternoon from the home of his parents, Peter and Sarah (McMullen) Grimes, 121 Wiggin street. Among the bearers were a large number of relatives, including his mother, Mary Mullin. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery, in charge of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

**NOYES**—The funeral of Capt. John F. Noyes was held from his home, 23 Central street, yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Caleb E. Fisher, D.D., pastor of the First Universalist church. The bearers were Messrs. Charles Hutchinson, Lorenzo Gouin, John P. Murphy, Michael H. Shanley, Arthur Beauregard and Alpheus N. Trull. Burial was in the family lot in the Edison cemetery. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

**HAYNES**—The funeral of Charles E. Haynes was held from the rooms of Undertaker George W. Healey, yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Appleton Grannis, rector of St. Anne's Episcopal church. A large delegation was present from the Federal Shoe Co., where Mr. Haynes was a foreman. The body was placed in the receiving tomb at the Edison cemetery.

**GARLAND**—The funeral of John A. Garland was held from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Garland, Main street, Tewksbury, yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Edward H. Newcomb, pastor of the First Congregational church. Burial took place yesterday in the family lot in the cemetery at Southtown, N. H. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

**MAXWELL**—The funeral of Mrs. Julietta S. Maxwell was held yesterday afternoon from her home, 1276 Bridge street. Burial took place in the Edison cemetery in the family lot. The funeral was in charge of Undertaker George Eastman. Rev. Ernest Bartlett of the Prout Centre Congregational church conducted the services. Miss Anna Roth of the Congregational church choir sang three hymns "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Christians' Home Night." The bearers were John Lorman, Robert Lorman and William Lorman, brothers of the deceased, and Edward Whitten, George Hamm and Robert Dean, nephews. Among the floral offerings were pieces and wreaths from the family, George Lorman and family, Mrs. Ada Hamm and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shaw, Mr. Hennessey and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Lorman, John H. Lorman, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Whitten, Marie Dean, Robert Dean, Turner Centre Creamery Co., Roy Lovejoy, Charles Kaurlezy and family, Mr. and Mrs. Craft and Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson.

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Boys' Suits and Overcoats, future price \$18.00,	\$13.50
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Boys' Suits and Overcoats, future price \$12.00,	\$8.00
Boys' Suits and Overcoats, future price \$10.00,	\$7.00
Boys' Suits and Overcoats, future price \$8.00,	\$6.00
Boys' Suits and Overcoats, future price \$7.00,	\$5.00
Boys' Suits and Overcoats, future price \$5.00,	\$3.95
Boys' Mackinaws, future price \$8.00,	\$6.00
Boys' Mackinaws, future price \$7.00,	\$5.00

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3 for \$3.50	3 for \$2.50
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Men's Shirts and Drawers, future price 75c,	59c

MEN'S NECKWEAR	MEN'S NECKWEAR
35c	19c
3 for \$1.00	
Future Prices 50c and 65c	Future Prices 25c and 35c

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Men's \$5.00 Raincoats	\$3.95
Men's \$2.00 Soft or Stiff Hats	\$1.65
Men's \$1.00 Umbrellas	79c
Men's \$1.00 Caps	65c
Men's \$1.00 Shirts	75c
Men's 50c Ribbed Shirt and Drawers	42c Each
Men's \$1.00 Flannel Night Shirts	79c
Men's 10c Stockings	10c
Boys' \$7.00 Suits (two pairs of trousers)	\$5.25
Boys' \$6.00 Overcoats	\$4.50
Boys' \$1.00 Knicker Pants	79c
Boys' Fleece Underwear	19c
Ladies' \$5, \$6 and \$7.50 Bath Robes	\$3.98
Ladies' \$5.00 Silk Petticoats	\$3.98
Ladies' \$5.95 All Wool Serge Skirts	\$3.98
Ladies' \$6.95 Raincoats	\$3.98
Ladies' \$1.50 House Dresses	79c
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EXPLORER, IS DEAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Charles Richard Tjader, explorer, author and inventor, died here yesterday after a brief illness. Mr. Tjader in 1906 led an expedition into the East African jungle for the American Museum of Natural History.

In Africa Mr. Tjader discovered two new species of antelope which have been named after him. Among his writings is a book on "The Big Game of Africa."

Mr. Tjader was president of the Marine Efficiency Co., and the inventor of an inter-deck davit, a mechanical device for the lowering of lifeboats from between deck positions on ocean steamships. He was born in April, 1869, in Karlskrona, Sweden. The greater part of his life was spent in this country.

## MARRIAGE INTENTIONS

The following marriage intentions have been registered at the city clerk's office since the last were published:

Victor Cirocella, 23, 4 Hale st., laborer; Nicholena di Prenada, 20, 4 Hale st., at home.

Leslie J. Hamilton, 26, 100 Forrest st., machinist; Catherine J. Cameron, 22, 100 Forrest st., at home.

Oscar Jarvis, 28, 55 Gorham st., spinner; Adelaide Cote, 18, 545 Middlesex st., at home.

Hyman Kessler, 24, 29 Daly st., waiter; Rose Kaplan, 19, 22 Daly st., at home.

Stephen S. Alexandreas, 20, 41 Fenwick st., machinist; Sofia Raptia, 22, 41 Fenwick st., mill operative.

Apostolos Graviatis, 23, 72 Dummer st., operative; Constantino Dimitroko-poulou, 26, 72 Dummer st., operative.

Joseph Hebert, 24, 202 Merrimack st., sailor; Blanche C. A. St. Armand, 22, 72 East Meadow road, hosiery.

Philip Martin, 17, 9 Coburn st., driver; Bernadette Sararie, 17, 138 Cushing st., shoe shop.

Thomas J. Nelson, 20, 725 Lawrence street, shoe worker; M. Yvonne Denis, 19, 303 Moody st., at home.

Walter A. Sherman, 53, 214 Paw-tucket st., veterinary surgeon; Georgina A. Paul, 50, 32 Sheldon st., at home.

Arthur J. Cumiskey, 40, 161 Walker st., automobile dealer; Marion B. Gregory, 20, 18 Tracy st., milliner.

Tarpan Little, 25, 169 Rounds st., teacher; Bertha H. Nelson, 23, 51 Mansur st., at home.

George Hudson Sykes, 26, 11 Rock-ingham st., machinist; Matilda Di-na-dana, 23, 21 Thorne st., at home.

Joseph Oline Brown, 22, 20 West 4th st., stenographer; Josephine Lepage, 27, 21 West 3rd st., spinner.

Alfred Ducharme, 43, Pelham, N. H., blacksmith; Cora Mallouk, 36, 787 Merrimack st., housekeeper.

Albert Taylor, 27, Bangor, Me., laborer; Rose Whelan, 22, 9 Coburn st., at home.

Thomas F. Rafferty, 22, 61 Central st., mill operative; Rose St. Pierre, 18, 4 Branch st., mill operative.

Willie Massey, 20, 38 Sarah avenue, barber; Alphonsine Ouellette, 22, 19 Austin st., mill operative.

James H. Eroling, 27, 60 Chestnut st., splitter; T. S. Miller, Elizabeth Earnshaw, 24, 23 Ash st., weaver.

Edward J. Farrell, 22, U.S.S. Kear-argue, machinist; Lillian Plourde, 19, 17 Dodge st., velvet cutter.

Manuel P. Ribeiro, 22, 192 Tremont st., mill operative; Domingas Sardin-lea, 20, 15 Pearl st., mill operative.

Vasilios P. Alexopoulos, 21, 58 Til-der st., mill operative; Athanasia Al-ekakis, 19, 28 Tilden st., mill operative.

Dimitrios Apostolopoulos, 21, 580 Market st., mill operative; Yvonne Dra-gounos, 21, 559 Market st., mill operative.

Le Roy E. Frost, 28, (divorced), 290 East Merrimack st., overseer; Clara B. Farr, 36, (widowed), 290 East Mer-rimack st., waitress.

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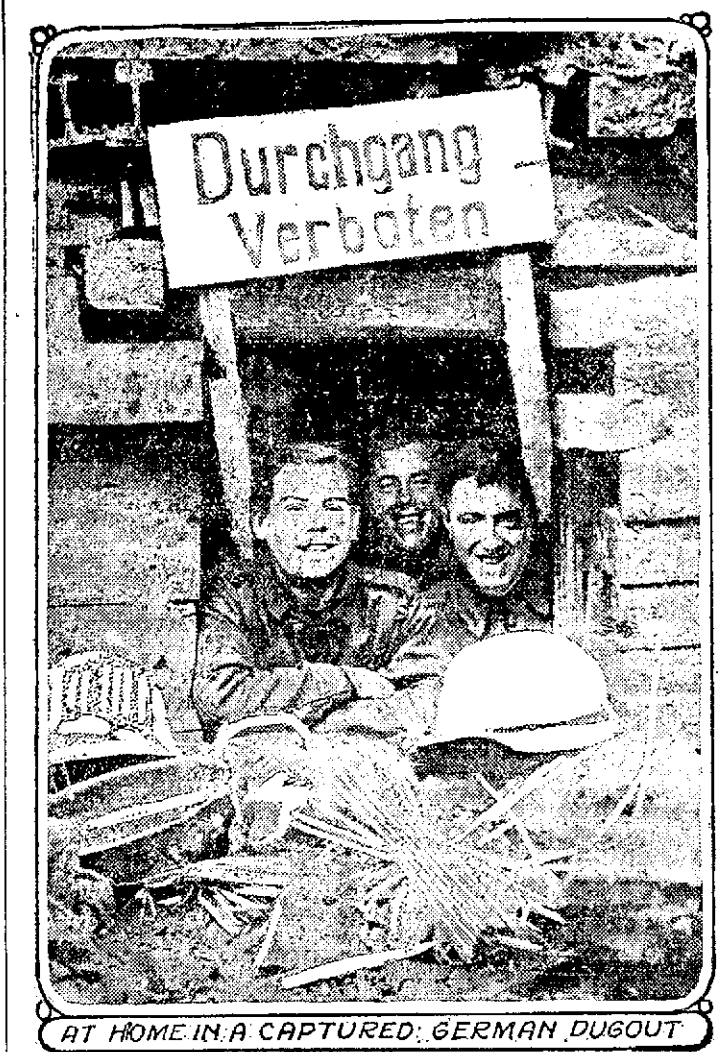
COLONEL HARTS WILL BE  
MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Col. William W. Harts, United States army, will have a prominent part in the coming inauguration ceremonies if he retains his present assignment of superintendent of public buildings and



COL. WM. W. HARTS

grounds in Washington. For many years that post has been held by an officer of the army engineer corps. On inauguration days he acts as a sort of master of ceremonies and has charge of the capital with the stands erected for the spectators.

MAKING THEMSELVES AT HOME  
IN CAPTURED GERMAN DUGOUT

AT HOME IN A CAPTURED GERMAN DUGOUT

When the German soldiers built the dugout shelter shown in the picture and placed above it the sign, "Durchgang Verboten" ("no thoroughfare") they did not think it would be captured by a party of Englishmen, who

took part in the Somme battle. Three of the Britishers making themselves at home in the captured dugout are seen in the picture. The shelter was well built, and the roof was reinforced with old railroad rails.

## SLEEPYTIME TALES

## THE GOODGIVERS PUSSY WILLOW DAY

Once upon a time the Goodgivers club pledged themselves to give five dollars to the hospital, but they did not know exactly how they were to earn it. They had given, as you know, several fairs and cake sales and they were trying to think of something new.

One day Helen was out walking with her mother. It was so warm and smelly of earth that it seemed almost like summer. "I wish we girls could go out into the woods on Saturday," remarked Helen. "I should think you would plan to go," said her mother. "While you are in the woods why not gather some pussy willows and sell them to get the money for the hospital?"

All the girls were delighted when Helen told them of her mother's suggestion and when Saturday morning came they all jumped out of bed early to see if it were warm and if the sun was shining so that their outing would be a success. Right after breakfast they started, each with a nice lunch in a box and a sharp knife with which to cut the pussy willows.

What fun they had! They gathered huge bunches of the soft green willows long before noon but were so hungry they didn't wait for noon time to eat but opened their lunch boxes and ate the lunch at once. They spread their paper napkins on a large stump and set out their feast. Some of the girls had brought sandwiches and others cake, while still others brought fruit, and Helen's mother had given her a bottle of hot chocolate in a Thermos bottle enough so all the girls could have a cup.

They left for home as soon as they had eaten for they wanted to sell the pussy willows as soon as possible. Helen's mother bought a large bunch and then they went to the big house of the rich family on the hill where they sold all they had and got an order for as many more.

Three of the girls went back for some more willows while the rest counted up the money and got it changed into a five dollar bill. They had a dollar over, too, but they gave that to the hospital as they liked to feel that they were helping the sick little children.

## DON'S FUNNY PRESENT

Once upon a time Don's father came home and said to Don: "Put your hand in my pocket and see what you will find." Don was only four and he could hardly reach so high but he managed to get his chubby hands into the pocket of his father's coat and felt something soft and warm and said: "It's a kitten," shouted Don. "No," said his father, "guess again." "A doggy," guessed Don. "Wrong again," said his father.

So Don got hold of the furry thing and pulled it out, and what do you think it was? The little girl said you ever saw. Don's father said he could keep it for a pet, so its new owner began at once to make a soft bed for it out of an old blanket and put it, nice and snug, into a basket.

It grew quite large and was very fond of Don's father. Whenever he saw him he would run up his legs and squeal and squeal to be taken up. One morning it crawled into the pocket of father's overcoat and went into town with him. When he got to the office and took off the coat, the pig jumped out and ran all about the desk finally crawling into an open drawer where it stayed until it was time to go home.

Poor Don didn't know where his pet had gone and spent the whole day looking for it. He was delighted when his father came home and told about taking the pig to business. Now, every morning when his father gets ready to go to town, Don runs and gets his pig and holds it tight until his father has departed.

As a great treat Don gets a big potato, pares it, then cuts it into small pieces and gives it to the pig. He will eat all he can get of potatoes and squeal for more. He likes cabbage and sauerkraut, too. One day he stole a whole dish of cabbage that Cook had fixed and set away to cool.

Don said he was sure the pig thought the cabbage was cooked for him and didn't think he should be

punished. Cook was quite angry, however, and shut the pig up for a long time, so that now he never touches anything unless it is put in his own dish and set in front of him. Don is going to try and teach his pet some tricks as soon as he is a little older.

## JAPAN'S NEW WIRELESS STATION

TOKIO, Nov. —The power of Japan's new wireless station which is now in regular communication with the United States by way of Hawaii was strikingly shown by its recent picking up of messages sent from northern Germany and from some other continental wireless station. The Japanese station, which is situated at Funabashi, ten miles east of Tokio, was receiving a message from Hawaii when it picked up several cipher messages addressed to E. G. C., which stands for Madrid, which were being sent by some powerful station some 6,000 miles away. The next day a message was picked up while it was being sent by North Germany.

TO INVESTIGATE PEACE  
MOVE AND STOCKS

Reports in circulation mainly in New York, that an advance tip on the president's peace move had been obtained by stock speculators and that some of them had profited heavily.



WILLIAM R. WOOD

crystallized in the introduction of a resolution in the house by Representative W. R. Wood, an Indiana republican, providing for an investigation by a committee of five representatives.

When Secretary Lansing was told of the Wood resolution, he laughed and said that he would be very glad to have an investigation. Other officials said the reports were unfounded.

By the terms of the resolution the committee is to investigate "whether any one high in the administration of governmental affairs in the United States profited pecuniarily, either directly or indirectly, by the introduction in the stock market of the 'peace' days, Dec. 21, 1916, to ending the contradictory interpretations given to the public from the office of the secretary of state concerning the note of the president of the United States, dated Dec. 20, 1916, to the belligerent powers." The note was dated Dec. 15. Photo shows Representative Wood.

## A. G. POLLARD CO.

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A Wonderful Bargain Opportunity in  
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A. S. MASON OF ROCHESTER, N. H., CLOSED OUT THE ENTIRE STOCK OF HIS CLOTHING STORE TO US ON THE 16TH OF THIS MONTH. \$10,000 WORTH OF MEDIUM GRADE, SEASONABLE MERCHANDISE, SELECTED WITH UNUSUAL CARE FOR THE PARTICULAR TRADE OF ROCHESTER AND VICINITY AND IN SPLENDID CONDITION. PURCHASED BY US AT A GOOD STRONG DISCOUNT BASED ON THE OLD PRICES. WE OFFER THESE GOODS AS SOME OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE VALUES OF THE SEASON. WINTER WEARABLES AT WINTER TIME AT FROM 25 TO 33 1-3 BELOW REGULAR PRICES.

## Men's Furnishings

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Men's Neckwear—Four-in-Hands, String ties and made up styles, well selected patterns; regular prices 25c and 50c, 19c, 3 for 50c and 35c, 3 for \$1.00

Collars—Men's and Boys' Linen Collars, good styles, Lion brand; regular price 15c. To close at 10c Each

Men's and Boys' Gloves and Mittens—For street, driving and work; we include in this sale hundreds of dozens of salesmen's samples from our own stock; these were bought on the old market prices and are very much cheaper than could be had at this time; regular prices 25c to \$5.00 pair. 15c to \$2.98

Hosiery—Men's Cotton, Silk, Wool, Worsted and Merino, heavy, medium and light weight. We are getting near the end of old standards of value; these are very cheap; regular prices 15c to 75c. 10c to 50c

Men's Union Suits—Natural gray, heavy weight, best makes; regular prices \$1.25 and \$1.50, at \$1.00

Men's Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers—Shirts plain English finish, all sizes, 34 to 50. Drawers satin waist band, best finish, all sizes 32 to 50; regular \$1.25 to \$1.50, at \$1.00

Men's Shirts and Drawers—Part wool, all sizes, 34 to 50 and odd lots of assorted styles; regular prices \$1.00 to \$1.50, at 75c Each

Sweater Coats—Heavy Shaker and ribbed coats, in the popular colors, made with and without collars; regular prices \$1.00 to \$6.50 each. 69c to \$5.00

Bath Robes—About 25 robes, made up by the best makers, from heavy cotton and wool blankets; regular prices \$2.98 to \$5.00, at \$1.50 to \$5.00 Each

Men's Negligee Shirts—Made with soft or stiff cuffs, neck band, neat patterns from fine percale and madras, some of the best makes, Lion, Stag and Bates Street included in this; regular prices 50c to \$2.00 each. 39c, 69c and \$1.00

Pajamas—Men's Outing Flannel and Madras Pajamas. This lot not only includes the Mason stock but about 30 dozens of samples from two of our best makers; regular prices \$1.00 to \$2.00, at 69c and \$1.00

Night Shirts—Outing flannel and plain cotton, made plain and trimmed; regular prices 50c to \$1.00. 39c, 69c and 85c

Men's Union Suits—Heavy cotton suits, in ecru and gray, all sizes, 34 to 46; regular price \$1.00 each, at 69c, 3 for \$2.00

## Men's and Boys' Clothing

PALMER STREET, BASEMENT

## MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS

The Mason store handled a good line of medium priced clothing, well bought and nicely assorted, at very reasonable prices.

MEN'S SUITS—About 100 men's suits, made of good material, blue, serge, worsted and fancy mixtures, in medium and dark colors, well made with good lining; \$10.00 to \$12.50 value at \$7.50

MEN'S SUITS—About 85 Men's Suits, made of fine worsted, blue serge and fancy mixture suits, made with very good trimmings and worth \$14.00 to \$16.50, at \$10.00 Suit

ABOUT 75 MEN'S SUITS—Made the late styles, made of very good material, in dark and medium colors, fancy Scotch mixture and worsted, suits made best trimming; \$18.00 value, at \$12.50 a Suit

MEN'S OVERCOATS—150 Men's Heavy Overcoats, made of heavy Scotch mixture and chevrons, mostly dark colors; \$10.00 and \$12.50 value, at \$7.50 Each

## MEN'S PANTS

AT \$1.50 A PAIR—Men's Pants, made of good brown corduroy, serge and heavy wool mixtures; \$2.00 value, at \$1.50 a Pair

AT \$2.00 A PAIR—Men's Pants, made of heavy all wool material, heavy brown corduroy, worsted and serge, good strong trimmings; \$2.50 and \$3.00 value, at \$2.00 a Pair

AT \$2.50 A PAIR—Men's Pants, blue serge, fine worsted, in large variety of patterns, also heavy all wool materials; \$3.00 and \$3.50 value, at \$2.50 a Pair

AT \$3.00 A PAIR—Men's Pants, made of very fine worsted and serge, also fine wool cashmere, made with very best trimmings; \$4.00 and \$4.50 value, at \$3.00 Pair

AT \$1.25 A PAIR—Men's Pants, made of heavy male skin cloth, khaki and olive colors, well made and durable, only \$1.25 Pair

## WORKING SHIRTS

AT 35c EACH—Men's shirts, made of good gray, check, domed, flannel and well made; 50c value, at 35c Each

AT 35c EACH—Odd lots of Men's Working Shirts, in light colors, made of very good material; 50c value, at 35c Each

AT 40c EACH—About 35 dozen Men's Working Shirts, made of heavy fancy stripe and plain black chevrons, blue chambray and heavy domets, at 40c Each

AT 50c EACH—Men's shirts, made of very heavy twill domet flannel, in medium gray, shirts made full size, 65c value, at 50c Each

## MEN'S RAINCOATS

AT \$2.50 EACH—50 Men's Single Texture Raincoats, concealed seams and well made; \$3.50 value, at \$2.50

AT \$3.50 EACH—Men's Double Texture Coats, well made, guaranteed waterproof and concealed seams; \$5.00 garment, at \$3.50

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## MEN'S AND BOYS' HATS AND CAPS

The Mason store carried a very complete line of up-to-date Men's Hats and Caps in all the latest styles.

MEN'S SOFT HATS—Men's Soft Hats, in all the latest shapes, either roll or flat brims, in very good variety of colors—\$2.00 and \$2.50 value at \$1.50 \$1.50 value at 98c

To close odd lots of Soft Hats, \$1.00, \$1.50 value, at 59c Each

MEN'S WINTER CAPS—Men's Winter Caps, made of good wool material, in all the latest shapes—\$1.00 value at 69c 50c value at 39c

BOYS' WINTER CAPS—Boys' Heavy Winter Caps, all new shapes, made of good material, in large variety of mixtures—50c value at 39c 25c value at 20c

## GIRLS' SCARF AND CAP SETS

Girls' Brushed Wool Sets, scarf and caps to match, in all the new combinations of colors, also plain red, oxford, white, blue and green—\$1.00 and \$1.25 Sets at 79c a Set \$1.50 Sets at 98c a Set

\$2.00 Sets at \$1.39 a Set

Eiderdown Scarf and Cap Sets—39c Sets at 29c a Set 25c Sets at 20c a Set

Girls' Angora Caps, 50c value, at 39c Each

To close, a small lot of Stocking Caps and Toques at 15c Each

## BOYS' CLOTHING

NORFOLK SUITS—150 Boys' Norfolk Suits, sizes 7 to 17 years, made of wool chevrons and cashmere, plain gray and brown, also fancy mixtures; \$3.00 value, at \$2.00 a Suit

AT \$2.00 A SUIT—Boys' Juvenile Suits, sizes 2 1/2 to 8 years, junior Norfolk style, light and dark gray, Shepherd plaid and dark mixtures, made with patch pockets; \$3.00 value, at \$2.00 a Suit

AT \$3.25 A SUIT—200 Boys' Suits, junior Norfolk, sizes 2 1/2 to 8 years, also Norfolk styles for boys of 7 to 17 years, made of good material, blue serge and large variety of good wool material, in plain colors and fancy mixtures, serge lined; \$4.00 to \$5.00 value, at \$3.25 Suit

AT \$3.75—Boys' Russian and Polo Overcoats, sizes 3 to 10 years, made of blue and gray chinchilla, brown and gray frieze and heavy Scotch mixture, flannel and serge lined, pinch back and half belt with patch pockets; \$5.00 to \$6.50 value, at \$3.75 Each

BASEMENT

# AMERICAN WOOLLEN CO.'S MILLS PROSPEROUS

Pres. William M. Wood of the American Woollen Company, which operates the Bay State mills in this city and the Beaver Brook mills in Braintree, says:

"There are now more than \$20,000,000 of unfilled orders on the books of the company and the next season proper does not open fully until next month. Advance orders have been very heavy this year.

"Our European military work was finished long ago, and the goods have all been paid for with exception of some incomplete adjustments of inventory. I am satisfied that all further orders for woollen goods will be placed in the United States by the allied governments.

"The entire present business is domestic with the exception of some ex-

port goods on civilian account. That is the strength of the situation—we are on a strong footing.

"To my mind it will take a long time for Europe to reorganize its industries after the war ends and Europe, therefore, will not immediately be a threatening competitor. It will be at least nine months and probably a year before any effect of European competition can be felt in this country after the war.

"The Belgian and northern French factories are completely destroyed or disorganized. All the belligerents will be badly off for executives and organizations. There should be plenty of time before a deluge of goods arrives from abroad to frame a new tariff law, which may at first be of an emergency character to meet the apprehended deficit in the federal finances."

## THE SPELLBINDER

Consecration day is several days away, but already there are rumors to the effect that the combination of Morse-Brown and Warnock is on the verge of a smash-up ere it has fairly gotten into existence. The combination was based on the probable assignment of departments in a manner satisfactory to all three: to wit, Morse, streets; Warnock, buildings and Brown, water department. But subsequent events, including several declarations by Mr. Brown lead many to believe that Mr. Brown does not want the water department but would like his old assignment on streets. Commissioner Morse is uncompromisingly opposed to giving up the department over which he at present presides, and there is where the crash of the supposed combination may come, for if Mr. Brown succeeds in getting Mr. O'Donnell and Commissioner Donnelly to give him the street department, the combination goes up in smoke, as it were, or more probably in something more sensationally pyrotechnic than smoke. Mr. Brown has told of the many things that he proposes to do if placed in charge of the fire and water departments, and yet his friends are urging the other commissioners not to assign him to those departments.

### Where Delay Was Caused

A critic of this administration commenting upon the Memorial building blames the present government because the work of restoring the building is about completed only at this time. The delay in the completion of the work is chargeable against the past administration exclusively. The contracts were all made by the past administration after a delay of six months in having the insurance settled up. No work could be started until the insurance had been collected and it took six months to get the money on account of the dilatory tactics of those in charge of this matter. The contracts were then made by that administration and when Commissioner Donnelly took charge of the work at the beginning of the year he had to face a situation that was not at all creditable to the former government, but he met it and overcame the various obstacles with the result that now the city has a better, more beautiful

and more nearly fire-proof building than ever before.

### The Pawtucket Bridge

The work of removing the old iron bridge structure at Pawtucket falls is the surest sign of the completion of the work. Yet one of the most ardent supporters of the bridge who refuses to be reconciled to the fact that a handsome new bridge has been completed complains that it will not be open for team traffic this winter which is not the case as the bridge will be open for team traffic during the winter. This same critic alleges that plans for the new bridge had been accepted by last year's government which is also erroneous for while plans had been drawn they had not been accepted and no provision had been made for the building of the bridge nor had any provision been made for the purchase of land at the approaches without which no bridge could have been constructed even if plans had been accepted. The U. S. government had not acted upon the matter last year, and in fact last year's government had nothing toward constructing a new bridge except to run up a bill with Mr. Denman and leave the bridge situation in a state of chaos for its successors to iron out when they assumed office, which they have done most successfully.

### The Water Department

Much has been said in the newspapers coming from one of the commissioners-elect about an alleged deficit in the water department and the necessity of raising water rates and discontinuing the free going toward the city, etc., next year to make both ends meet in that department. The situation might well be considered alarming by the water-takers of the city, if such were actually the case, but it would appear that Commissioner Putnam will leave the going toward with about \$5000 in the going toward books, rather than a big deficit. Furthermore the commissioner who will have charge of the department next year will have about \$20,000 increase in revenue with which to work, while the amount of money to be borrowed for permanent improvements will be comparatively small. The amount borrowed by the water department dur-

ing the year just closed as was stated in yesterday's Sun was the smallest amount in several years, \$55,000, of which \$20,000 was necessitated to pay a debt of \$20,000 contracted by the preceding administration. The Oakland service extension recommended by Mayor O'Donnell in his inaugural at the beginning of the year was put in at an expense of \$30,000, a most important improvement while the other \$5000 was spent on the pipes for the new Pawtucket bridge, a necessary expenditure. Next year, the water department, in all probability will carry on Mayor O'Donnell's other recommendations regarding water services and will put in the larger service in the Highlands as was done in the Oakland this year. If the water department will be conducted on a business basis next year there will be no necessity for raising rates or discontinuing discounts, unless something entirely unforeseen should arise.

### The New Firemen

A statement was made in a local paper this week to the effect that one of the incoming commissioners had notified three of the five firemen appointed last week by Commissioner Putnam, not to purchase their uniforms, etc., as he would not allow them to serve. The statement, if the incoming commissioner were correctly quoted, is amusing as he has no more authority for making it at this time than has any private citizen down to the humblest. He was not in office when the statement attributed to him was made and hence it has absolutely no weight. As to his power to remove them after he assumes office, the gentlemen evidently forgets that the men have been legally appointed under the civil service laws, and will not be removed at the whim of any municipal commissioner, but only as provided by the civil service laws. If memory serves me rightly Col. Carmichael upon assuming office two years ago attempted to remove several firemen appointed by his predecessor, Mr. Barrett. He succeeded in getting rid of them out, Messrs. Fontaine and Landry because they had not served the required length of time as call-men. He couldn't remove the others, however. In the case of the men appointed by the omission of Putnam a few days ago, all meet the requirements of the law, and therefore have been legally appointed.

### Some New Candidates

During the week several new candidates for jobs at city hall have heard from George Quenneville and John C. Quirk, the latter business agent of the Bartenders' union, are in the field for city messenger, at present held by Owen A. Monahan, while in the contest for inspector of buildings, held by Francis A. Connor, are William J. Gargan, Michael A. Lee, business agent of the Carpenters' union; John Killpatrick and Joseph Harvey. J. Joseph Hennessy and William D. Hogan are mentioned for Mr. Varnum's position as city solicitor, while Clint Tuttle is after a position as principal assessor and there are several others in the field. With the exception of the position of city solicitor all appear to be after positions held by democratic office-holders, and judging from the talk around town all appear to have two votes but are looking that since qua non, the third vote.

### Speaking of Clean-ups

There is much talk about a general clean-up at city hall by an alleged combination, putting out all the ins, and replacing them with new faces. But—Will Commissioner Morse vote to oust Supt. John O'Sullivan? Will Commissioner Warnock vote to oust Insp. Inspector Mahan? Will Commissioner Brown vote to oust Supt. Welch or Chief Saunders of the fire department? Will the outgoing combination vote to remove City Engineer Kearney and put in George Rogers? Will the outgoing combination vote



SCENE FROM "THE RIGHT DIRECTION" WITH VIVIAN MARTIN. NOW PLAYING AT THE MERRIMACK SQUARE.

to put out Supt. Thomas and replace him with Newell P. Putnam?

### WEALTHY WOMAN WEDS A FARMHAND

HAVERHILL, Dec. 28.—Word reached here last night of the marriage in Vermont of Miss Edith Gladys Webster, daughter of the late Jackson Webster, formerly a wealthy grocer here, and Charles Pelletier, a farmhand on her Walnut Crest estate, at the Haverhill-Methuen line.

Walnut Crest farm has been within the last few months the scene of a number of exciting occurrences which have led to the district court and through which the bridegroom now is under sentence to 30 days in jail, from which he appealed.

Miss Webster formerly had in her employ a farmhand who was at the Gastavet Yarnchurns who was at the farm nearly two years. Before he left Pelletier and a man known as John Montana came to the farm as farmhands. About a month ago, it is claimed by Pelletier, three or four young men came to the farm at night and one of them gained access to the house through a window and rushed upstairs. Pelletier escaped through a window. Miss Webster also escaped and made her way to a neighbor's. When the police arrived they found Pelletier and Montana holding one of the young men, much cut up, in the yard. Montana declared he had been assaulted. No complaint was made and there was no police action at the time.

Two weeks ago Yarnchurn and a friend went to the farm and later declared that Pelletier had a revolver at them and that Montana assaulted the friend. Both were arrested and Pelletier was sentenced to 30 days in jail. He appealed and the case is still pending.

## ARGENTINE MODEL FOR ARMY BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Argentina's military system is serving as a model for the universal service bill now being drafted by a committee of the Argentine senate.

Officers familiar with staff opinion said yesterday that, while details had not been completed, the measure would follow closely the Argentine scheme, and was designed to keep half a million men under training, with 250,000 trained reservists subject to call.

It probably will be at least three weeks before the bill and accompanying estimates of costs are ready for submission to the secretary of war. The chairman of the house military committee has asked to see it, and it will be the duty of the senate committee's information, though there is no indication that it will go into any sort of redoubt from the administration.

The main feature of the staff bill will be its provision for one year of intensive military instruction for all youths subject to the draft, in which they will be drilled for physical disabilities and for other reasons, including possibly the conservation of certain men for work in industrial plants necessary in war times, would have available for army training seven 450,000 and 450,000 of the 1,000,000 boys who reach the age of 15 each year.

## GERMANY BUYS WHEAT IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—For the first time since the blockade of Germany was put into effect, more than two years ago, Germany became a buying factor on the Chicago board of trade. Traders, acting on orders, were large buyers of wheat destined for early shipment to Germany. The move was taken to mean that peace is not far distant or that the chief of the central powers is confident the blockade soon will be raised.

Agents for Germany bought large quantities of wheat for cash, and for delivery at Gulf of Mexico ports in January and February. This free buying, in which other foreign nations shared, caused a big advance in wheat prices. Cash wheat showed a net advance of 6 1/2 cents a bushel over Tuesday's closing price. May sold at an advance of 4 1/2 cents and July at an advance of 3 1/2 cents.

The big significant feature was the bidding for cash wheat—wheat for immediate delivery—in which those buying for German export were particularly active. Foreign nations yesterday took 2,000,000 bushels of this country's wheat.

**JEWISH CLUB IN COPENHAGEN**  
COPENHAGEN, Dec. 28.—The first Jewish club in Copenhagen was opened recently with an address by the American minister, Dr. Maurice Francis Egan. The club is composed of young Jews and the Egan in the opening address spoke of the future for young Jews in the United States.

## AMUSEMENT NOTES

### THE OPERA HOUSE

Never have the Emerson Players appeared to better advantage than in the play now at the Opera House, "It Pays to Advertise." The play is one of Colman's best. The sketch of the plot has already been told in these columns, but one must see the show to realize the number of laughable situations, complications and climaxes which follow in quick succession from start to finish, producing screaming laughter. Those who want a good two hours' continuous laughter, the cleanest and most delightful comedy seen upon any stage in Lowell for years should see this show. It had a long run in New York, where the people went wild over it. Lowell folks should show their appreciation of having a chance to see this metropolitan production just as well as it was in New York.

Jimmy Hayden as "Ambrose Poole," impersonator of an advertising agent in a manner that shows great versatility. One would imagine that some of the big newspapers would have made him an offer ere now to quit the stage and join the hustlers in the advertising business. Jimmy is a real find. He is Cyrus Martin, head of the soap trust, plays his role in a very artistic manner as does Leon Miller as "Rodney" who is the nation's best. Miss Gladys Melrod as "Mary Grayson" makes an ideal character, proving fully competent to make the most of her role. The production is a real treat with case and grace.

This play would draw good houses every week and already the company has requests for its reappearances. But other engagements make this impossible. The advance sale for the rest of the week is very large. Next week will bring Jimmy Hayden's great success, "For the Man She Loved."

**B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE**  
A supply show all the way through, is offered to Lowell theatregoers this holiday season, at the B. F. Keith theatre, and that it is moving highly satisfactory to hundreds daily is surely not exaggeration. About every line of entertainment which one could desire is present, starting with Neck Suen in his "Land o' Lizards" comedy. Neck is a grinning, wide-eyed, off-hand manner. He then leaves you to think that over. They are tricks, just that, but so wonderfully well done that one is really mystified. And next we have Arthur Brennan and Ethel Clayton, the nation's best. Miss Gladys Melrod as "Mary Grayson" makes an ideal character, proving fully competent to make the most of her role. The production is a real treat with case and grace.

**AN UNUSUAL FEATURE**  
VIVIAN MARTIN  
—IN—  
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the, and has made good with a vengeance. "A Drawing from Life" with Arthur Sullivan and Rhea Scott is a success of a very pleasing photograph. The dialogue is always snappy, and some of the situations are of the funniest. Frank Milton and the DeLong Sisters offer a rollicking good time in "Diamond Palace." Milton has the role of a rube theatre manager, while the sisters sing and dance and play as a "sister act." It is all good fun. Dorothy Meuthner, a dainty singing comedienne, flashes a lot of pretty dresses and a number of up-to-the-minute songs and is a favorite, while Lillian's Comedy Pets, seven cute little toy dogs, open the show splendidly and are much appreciated. The Pathe News shows new pictures today, a complete change being presented.

### MERRIMACK SQUARE THEATRE

Today's bill at the Merrimack Square theatre presents the popular Vivian Martin as the headliner in a very unusual feature play, "The Right Direction." This story is filled with scenes of pathos, humor and a great heart interest, and is replete with remarkable photographic effects, some being taken in the world's greatest gold mines 300 feet below the earth's surface.

Miss Martin appears as Polly Leedes, a beautiful wife of the New York slums who has inherited a respectable fortune thrown upon her little shoulders at an age when the average girl just feels that her doll requires her most serious attention. She and her baby brother are left to their own destiny. Without means of travel, the two, with a dilapidated baby carriage, lose no time in getting under way for California. Various amusing as well as exciting incidents occur to Polly while on her way to the coast, in which she meets a rich man's son who comes to her rescue. Later there is a strange surprise which results in a complete change of affairs, and Polly departs from the earth of "Rags" and comes out in a "rags of glory." In all it is one of the funniest and most amusing stories ever shown at this theatre.

Ethel Clayton and Carlyle Blackwell appear on this same bill in "Broken Chains," the story of a love that remained unrequited despite doubtful circumstances. This is the latest release of the two popular stars. There is no doubt of the appeal of this picture as it teems with life and action from the start to the finish. The travel pictures, together with others will complete this program to be repeated tomorrow and Saturday.

### CROWN THEATRE

Miss June Caprice, the famous little Boston girl, known throughout the country as the double of Mary Pickford, and who within a year has risen to the highest ranks of the stars of the motion picture world, will again

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BASEBALL AND  
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## THE SUN SPORTING PAGE

BOXING, GOLF  
AND ATHLETICSRECORDS OF CARPENTIER  
AND LES DARCY

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Georges Carpentier, the French heavyweight champion, and Les Darcy, the Australian middleweight, who will appear in a series of bouts in this country in the near future have set up good records.

Carpentier who is close to 25 years of age, stands 5 feet 11 1/2 inches in height and weighs about 180 pounds at the present time. Darcy is just a trifle over twenty-one; is 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighs between 165 and 170 pounds. The complete records of their ring battles are as follows:

**GEORGES CARPENTIER**  
Born, January 12, 1891, Lens, France.  
1907—Bourgeois Won 4 rds  
Wetnick Won 4 rds  
Luzon Lost 4 rds  
1908—Moureaux K.O. 3 rds  
Salmon K.O. 18 rds  
Salmon Won (Foul) 13 rds  
Lepine Draw 6 rds  
Lepine Draw 26 rds  
1909—Lapin K.O. 8 rds  
Wetnick K.O. 1 rds  
Lapin Won 7 rds  
Dorsetville K.O. 11 rds  
Lepine Won 15 rds  
Dorsetville Won 10 rds  
Chepau Won 6 rds  
Relling Won 6 rds  
Dorsetville Won 15 rds  
Lepine Won 6 rds  
Gallard Won 10 rds  
Gloria (K.O.) 20 rds  
1910—Pickard K.O. 5 rds  
Lapin K.O. 7 rds  
Ying Warner K.O. 7 rds  
Ying Warner Won (Foul) 7 rds  
Gloria Won 8 rds  
Ying Warner Won 10 rds  
H. Demien Won 10 rds  
H. Demien Won 15 rds  
J. Andomy Draw 10 rds  
Burk Shire Lost 8 rds  
Snowball Lost 8 rds  
1911—Brocher K.O. 1 rds  
Randall K.O. 5 rds  
Goldswain K.O. 4 rds

Gray K.O. 9 rds  
Randall Won 10 rds  
Daniels Won 10 rds  
Ying Nipper Won 10 rds  
Mackins Won 10 rds  
Stagg Won 10 rds  
Loughrey Won 15 rds  
Eustachio Won 15 rds  
Eustachio Won 15 rds  
Sid Burns Won 15 rds  
Ying Joseph Won 15 rds  
Ying Lewis Won 15 rds  
Piet Lost 10 rds  
Dixie Kid Lost 5 rds  
1912—B. Leorox K.O. 9 rds  
H. Lee K.O. 5 rds  
J. Sullivan K.O. 2 rds  
J. Sullivan Won 20 rds  
W. Lewis Won 20 rds  
F. Klags Lost (Foul) 19 rds  
Billy Papke Lost 17 rds  
1913—M. Mareau Won 8 rds  
B. Roca K.O. 2 rds  
C. Smith K.O. 2 rds  
Geo. Gunther K.O. 14 rds  
B. Wells K.O. 4 rds  
Al. Lurie K.O. 4 rds  
J. Williams K.O. 4 rds  
J. Smith Won 20 rds  
A. B. Wells K.O. 3 rds  
1914—Pat O'Keeffe K.O. 1 rds  
J. Jeannette Lost 15 rds  
C. Mitchell K.O. 1 rds  
H. Lee K.O. 7 rds  
Gun Smith Won (Foul) 3 rds  
Kid Jackson Won (Foul) 4 rds

**LES DARCY**  
Born October 28, 1895, West Maitland, N. S. W.

1911—Winner of 140 pound and 147-pound tournaments.  
1912—J. Burns K.O. 11 rds  
D. Peena Won 3 rds  
1913—B. Hannan K.O. 18 rds  
P. Delaney K.O. 7 rds  
Shakespeare K.O. 6 rds  
W. McNabb Won 20 rds  
E. Whitlaw Lost 20 rds  
1914—J. Clark K.O. 0 rds  
Ying Hauley K.O. 5 rds  
B. Whitlaw K.O. 4 rds  
P. Holland Lost 20 rds  
P. Holland Lost (Foul) 18 rds  
H. Lee K.O. 5 rds  
C. Christie Won 20 rds  
P. Dyer Won 20 rds  
1915—J. Smith Lost 5 rds  
P. Loughrey Won 20 rds  
P. Holland Won 20 rds  
H. Demien K.O. 5 rds  
P. Holland K.O. 15 rds  
J. Smith (Foul) 10 rds  
Mick King K.O. 16 rds  
E. McGorty K.O. 16 rds  
B. Murray Won 20 rds  
J. Chabby Won 20 rds  
B. Murray K.O. 6 rds  
E. McGorty Won 8 rds  
1916—Geo. Brown Won 20 rds  
H. Hardwick K.O. 7 rds  
L. O'Donnell K.O. 7 rds  
R. Orms K.O. 12 rds  
D. Smith K.O. 11 rds  
J. Chabby Won 20 rds  
Geo. Chip K.O. 9 rds

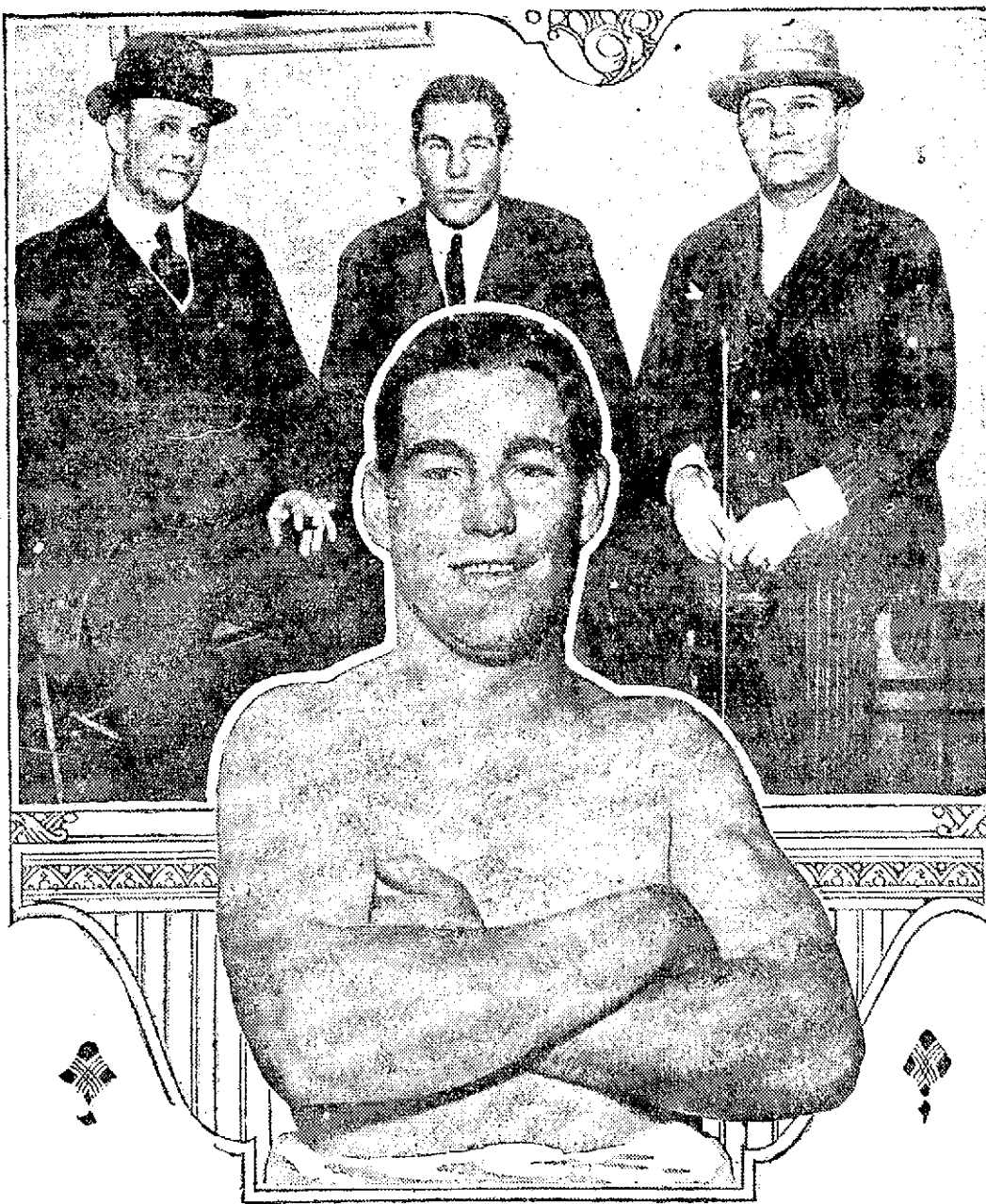
BIG ROLLER SKATING  
RACE FRIDAY NIGHT

The racing treat of the season will open at the Rollaway rink on Hurd street tomorrow night at 8:30 o'clock, when Billy Yale of Portland, Me., and Harry Burke of Bridgeport, Conn., will appear against Albert Nebes of Lowell and Billy Moffatt of Worcester in a five mile roller skating relay race. All men are among the fastest in the country, and indications point to new records and some exceptionally clever racing. Yale appeared here on several occasions and is known as a wonderful sprinter. He plans to do the sprinting in the opening race, with his partner, Burke, doing the bulk of the plugging. For the Lowell-Worcester team Nebes will do the sprinting, with Moffatt taking care of the plugging.

There is great rivalry between Burke and Nebes, owing to the great races put up by this pair a few weeks ago. Burke gave the Lowell boy his hardest local race of the season and will do his best to reverse the outcome in the coming meeting. Yale and Nebes, too, are great rivals and each will go the limit to come out on top. Moffatt, who will make his first appearance here tomorrow night is said to be one of the fastest men in this vicinity. He gave Nebes the battle of his life in a three night series at Marlboro recently, winning one of the events. In the final race he forced Nebes to exert every bit of ability he possessed to win.

On Saturday night the four men will appear in a ten mile relay, while on Monday night they will participate in a pursuit race.

Arrangements have been made to accommodate record crowds.

LES DARCY PASSES UP LIBERAL  
OFFER FOR BOUT WITH MIKE GIBBONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Les Darcy absolutely refuses to fight Mike Gibbons twenty rounds for \$15,000. The Australian fighter turned down this offering proposition the other day on the ground that the amount proffered was not enough. The offer was conveyed to Darcy by Billy Roche on behalf of Dominick Tortorich, the New Orleans promoter. There was no question as to the genuineness of this offer, for Tortorich is one of the best known and most reliable promoters in the country. The offer involved a tussle over a twenty-round course. Darcy has been told of the easy money to be had in local circles battling over a ten-round route to no decision. He has James Leslie has been advised fully of the phantom-like maneuvers of Gibbons, thereby piling up two perfectly good reasons wherefore the offer does not look attractive.

The ten-round no decision game here is too good, and any mixup with

Mike Gibbons is a doubtful proposition. The Minnesota marvel is a hard man to hit, and in order to beat a boxer you've got to hit him once or twice, anyway. Darcy no doubt appreciates the difficulties encountered by a man trying to sink a punch on a shadow at high noon. The offer appears rather tempting, as it is a certainly Darcy will not get more than that sum if he met Gibbons or any other good rival in a ten-round bout here or in any part of the country.

Considering the Carpentier-Darcy bout as practically clinched, it is no more than fair to the public that the men engaged in contests with some good men before they clinch. Darcy comes here very well recommended, but in the case of Carpentier it is different. The Frenchman has been taking an active part in the war and it is a question whether he is now fit for a scrap with the doughty bush-

man. Upper picture shows Darcy in center with Promoter Rickard on left and his partner, McCrackin, on right. Lower one, fighting pose of Darcy.

ADDRESS ON THE  
VALUE OF  
FOOTBALL

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—In an address delivered at the eleventh annual convention of the National Collegiate Athletic association here today, Prof. Raymond G. Gettelf, of Amherst college, said:

"A phenomenon of frequent recurrence in widely separated times and places has been the intense general interest in games or contests manifested by those peoples who held the leading place in the civilization of their day. The Olympic games in Greece, the gladiatorial contests in Rome, and the tournaments of the middle ages alike were characterized by the enthusiastic zeal of those actively engaged, by the presence of crowds of frenzied spectators, and by the interest and attention centered upon them by the public at large. All these athletic carnivals were subject to severe criticism in their age, yet they increased in popularity in spite of opposition, and declined only with the decadence of the peoples interested or with changes in culture that made them no longer possible. In the modern world, Teutonic peoples hold the reins of power, and among them great football, baseball, and cricket contests inspire widespread interest and enthusiasm. One explanation of this phenomenon, using football as an example of the modern type, is here attempted.

"As might be expected, football has been subjected to unusually severe criticism. The danger to life and limb, the accompanying evils of gambling, professionalism, or unsportsmanlike methods, the enormous expenditures, the comparatively small number who actually take part in proportion to the numerous spectators, the false standards created in the minds of growing school boys, the over-emphasis on athletics in general in colleges and universities—these are some of the direct accusations that the sport has been compelled to face.

"In spite of these criticisms and these defects, however, football has become during the autumn season, the pre-eminent sport, especially in American schools and colleges. The football 'star' is a college hero; ambition to make the team is a chief desire in the mind of many a student, and pride over football victories is a powerful stimulant to loyal college spirit. Nor does public interest in the game show sign of decline. Each Saturday during the season, thousands assemble to witness the contests, additional thousands, even in the remotest parts of the country, crowd around bulletin boards, which give detailed descriptions of the

plays or announce the scores, and still other thousands turn first to the sporting columns of the Sunday morning newspapers. A game that inspires such widespread devotion must rest upon certain vital underlying principles of human nature.

"Football is not a contest between individuals. It is a contest between groups or teams. The union of eleven men under their captain typifies the characteristic human factor of organization. In no other game is the individual, as individual, of so little moment, and the unit, or team, so closely interrelated. The success of almost every manoeuvre depends upon a detailed division of labor, a distinct part being assigned to each member within the machine; and the success of a team in competition with others depends mainly upon the perfection of its organized teamwork. Football, then, demands co-operation, the subordination of the individual interest to the welfare of the larger unit. It reproduces on a small scale that process of organized social effort by which man first attained supremacy over the world of nature, and by which the more highly organized and more closely co-operating peoples have conquered and surpassed their less advanced rivals.

"Football, while retaining the virtues of physical combat, remedies its worst evils by emphasizing organization, co-operation and obedience. The necessary self-sacrifice, subordination, mutual aid and fair play. They discipline the individual, teach self-control and inculcate principles of honor and loyalty. Especially do they build up an ideal.

"More than any other sport it retains the vital elements of physical combat and necessitates exhibition of all its essential factors—strength, speed, skill and cunning. In addition to this primitive lust for battle, it satisfies the higher and distinctly civilized interest in organization, co-operation and the skilled inter-relationship of individual effort directed toward a common purpose. It typifies the highest human achievement in its unusual emphasis on discipline and obedience, on the subordination of the individual to authority and law. Finally, in its purpose and in its spirit it represents that highest craving of the human soul, the striving for an ideal."

Money deposited in The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank on or before Saturday, January 6th, will bear interest from that day.

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RESULTS OF GAMES IN  
CITY MINOR LEAGUE

The Spindle City team captured four points from the Merrimacks on the Spindle City alleys last evening. Gray, the strong anchor man of the winning team, rolled the fine score of 375.

The Highland Daylights and Crescent's clashed on the Crescent alleys. Manager Moore's quintet also making a clean sweep. The Kimball System took two and the total from the representatives of the Middlesex alleys and the Bridge street team won everything from Carr's.

The scores:

City Minor League			
MIDDLESEX			
Mahan	111	92	299
Duffyough	89	91	259
Whitehook	111	105	321
Chapman	119	102	308
Shelvey	96	98	299
Totals	529	490	1490

KIMBALL SYSTEM			
Gordon	82	93	163
Clark	107	113	220
Buckley	92	117	199
Curry	101	91	192
Dwyer	103	100	202
Totals	485	514	1276

BRIDGE STREET			
Dacey	95	80	271
J. Houston	111	84	265
Hart	90	102	253
Sullivan	92	83	251
Dickey	86	93	252
Totals	474	442	1419

CARR'S			
Devlin	79	80	115
Perry	98	78	205
Stanton	79	82	161
Gargan	102	83	215
O'Dea	84	100	252
Totals	442	423	1263

HIGHLAND			
Roy	82	21	103
Lazery	75	71	146
Perce	90	82	162
Ryan	102	89	241
Murkland	85	80	204
Totals	436	343	1136

CRESCENT			
Kittredge	97	94	252
Quinn	91	120	211
Cameron	113	97	210
Hosmer	94	91	116
Melherant	91	89	103
Totals	491	491	1063

SPINDLE CITY			
Nexira	121	95	321
Decousiers	95	119	303

NEWTONS STILL  
LEAD IN CITY  
LEAGUE

The end of the 15th week in the City Bowling league finds the Newton Mfg. Co. leading the White Ways, its nearest competitor, by one full point.

The first four teams are bunched closely together and a single match is liable to make a big upset in the standing.

The standing and individual averages follow:

League Standing			
	Won	Lost	Pine
Newton Mfg. Co.	16	16	201.50
White Ways	15	17	199.68
Crescents	14	18	200.19
Kimball System	13	20	188.82
Jewels	12	24	188.86
Highland Daylights	11	25	188.87
Carr's	11	25	188.87
Boyd's	11	41	188.62

Individual Averages			
Martel	190.28	Devlin	164.10
Kelley	164.4	Jodoin	165.25
McCormack	164.5	Kampton	165.5
McQuinn	165.2	Mitchell	165.12
Cosman	162.25	Lebrun	162.18
Hall	161.1	Bernadine	162.12
Jewett	161.26	Concannon	161.27
Johnson	161.15	Lynch	161.12
Whipple	161.12	Grimm	161.2
Myrick	161.1	Riches	160.28
Booley	160	Whalen	159.25
Portin	159.29	Moulton	159.18
Sweeney	159.15	Graham	158.25
Burns	158.25	Flanigan	157.23
Parish	157.23	Lynch	157.23
Lyons	157.19	Lynch	157.19
Brichman	157.5	McNeil	156.16
Morley	156.22	Panton	156.17
Marphy	156.17	McLaughlin	155.8
Noonan	155.8	Charrette	155.11

IN BOSTON			
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# EIGHT ALLIED MISSING VESSEL POLICE OFFICERS TWO DIRECTORS AEROPLANES HAS ARRIVED AT IN RING OF OF THE B. & M. DESTROYED BLOCK ISLAND AUTO THEIEVS TESTIFY

BERLIN, Dec. 28. By wireless to Sayville—Eight airplanes were lost by the entente allies in yesterday's fighting on the western front, the war office announced today.

## STEAMSHIP MARYLAND REGARDED AS LOST

NANTUCKET, Dec. 28.—The steamship Maryland was regarded as probably lost today. Search for the vessel and crew by the coast guard cutters Acushnet and Gresham, which was begun after the Maryland's distress calls by wireless were silenced by the flooding of her engine room on Christmas night, was abandoned without having developed any trace of either. Flotsam found by the cutters could not be identified as being from the Maryland. Hope for the safety of the crew's thirty odd men lies in the possibility that they were picked up from the ship's boats by a passing steamer.

The cutters searched for more than 30 hours in the waters southeast of this island. In the vicinity of the position given by the Maryland's wireless operator when he sent out his call for help. The steamship, recently converted from a Great Lakes cargo carrier to a ocean-going craft by her owners, the Great Lakes Steamship Co., had been given a top rating of seaworthiness and it is believed she must have received a very severe buffeting in the northwest storm of Monday to go down so quickly.

## COMMISSIONER DONNELLY

Continued  
would receive unanimous approval. I can say, however, that I acted with the best intentions and believe the persons benefited by the increase deserve this recognition and that the amounts are too small to receive such great publicity.

"That the public may know I do not desire to conceal my action, I wish you would say that I have also increased many of those employed in the building department. I will recently most of the tradesmen and laborers employed by this department were working 48 hours each week. The masons and helpers, however, worked 44 hours each week. With this arrangement part of the force was working 44 hours and the other part 48 hours. This proved most unsatisfactory. The union schedule of the building trades in this city is 44 hours to constitute a week's work. Therefore I have placed the department on this basis and that the men might not suffer a loss in working wages by the loss of four hours time I have increased the rate per hour in each case a few cents. Carpenters will receive \$5.00 instead of \$4.20 per day, while the present street scale is \$4.00 per day. Painters formerly paid \$2.50 and \$2.75 will receive \$3.25 and \$3.50 per day. One painter will be increased from \$3.50 to \$3.85 per day. Another painter will receive \$3.00, increased from \$2.75 per day. The teamster has been increased from \$2.50 to \$2.75 per day. The horse driver has been increased from \$2.50 to \$2.75 per day. Laborers formerly received \$2.25 and \$2.50 will be paid \$2.50 and \$2.75 per day.

While many are benefited by this readjustment of hours and the slight increase in wages, I have estimated that the total increase affecting over 40 employees will increase the expenses of the department to less than \$1000 for the year.

Even with this slight increase the wage paid in each instance is below the standard paid in private business. "I believe I have acted with fairness in what I have done and feel that conditions warrant the slight increases given."

## LARGEST SINGLE DAY'S IMPORTATION OF GOLD

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The largest single day's importation of gold into this country was recorded today with the deposit of \$3,000,000 by J. P. Morgan & Co. in the New York and Philadelphia assay offices, of this amount \$2,500,000 deposited here was in the form of American cables, being the identical gold which was shipped to Paris in April, 1916, during the French administration, by this government as part of the payment of \$100,000,000 made to the old French Republic company for its shares in the canal.

## FUNERAL NOTICE

BALON—The funeral of Peter Balon will take place Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the parlors of Dr. H. Molloy's Sons, 210 Essex street, at the Greek church at 2 o'clock. Burial in Westland cemetery. C. H. Molloy's Sons in charge of funeral arrangements.

## DEATHS

BALON—Peter Balon, a prominent business man of Market street, died at his home, 477 Market street, aged 52 years. He leaves a wife and a son. The body was removed to the funeral parlors of Undertakers C. H. Molloy's Sons.

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The company made the gift, recognizing the soaring cost of living, for girls will be held and must have pretty things to wear—and also as an indication of its good will toward its employees.

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# CZAR SPURNS PEACE FOR REGULATION OF COAL PRICES GERMAN FALL NEAR

PETROGRAD, Dec. 28, via London.—In an order issued to all the units of the Russian army, dated Dec. 25, the emperor, in a brief review showing how the inequalities in the technical resources for warfare as between the allies and the central powers are being gradually removed with the result that the enemy's strength is apparently waning, while that of Russia and her allies is continually growing, says:

"Germany is feeling that her complete defeat is near, and near also is the hour of retribution for all her wrong-doings and violations of the moral law. As in the time of her strength she declared war, so now, feeling her weakness she suddenly offers to enter upon peace negotiations, desiring to complete such negotiations before her military talent is exhausted."

"At the same time she is creating a false impression about the strength of her army by utilizing her temporary success over the Rumanians, who lack experience in the conduct of modern warfare."

Arguing that the allies are entitled to choose a favorable hour for peace negotiations, just as Germany chose a favorable hour for declaring war, the order says:

"This time has not yet arrived. The

enemy has not been driven out of the provinces he has occupied. Russia's attainment of the tasks created by the war—regarding Constantinople and the Dardanelles as well as the creation of a free Poland from all three of her now incomplete tribal districts—has not yet been guaranteed."

"To conclude peace at this moment would mean failure to utilize the fruits of the untold trials of the heroic Russian troops and fleet. These trials and the still more sacred memory of the noble sons of Russia who have fallen on the battlefield do not permit of thought of peace until final victory over our enemies."

"Who dares to think he who brought about war shall have it in his power to conclude the war at any time he likes?"

In conclusion, the emperor, expressing confidence that no Russian soldier would desire peace until the enemy had been expelled from Russian soil and given guarantees to prevent a possible repetition of a treacherous peace, says: "Let us be firm in the certainty of our victory and the all highest will bless our standards and will cover them afresh with glory and give us peace worthy of your heroic deeds, my glorious troops—a peace for which future generations will bless your memory, which will be sacred to them."

## Commission Favors State Supervision of Sale of Coal and Coke Would Place Mines Under Federal Control—Reports to McCall

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Federal regulation of the business of mining and transporting anthracite coal and coke, and of its sale, is necessary in the opinion of the members of Gov. McCall's coal commission, in a report made to the governor today. The commission believes that the suggestion that possibly some relief might come from the establishment of municipal coal pockets should be studied. But inasmuch as the right to own such properties is involved in a question of constitutional law, the commission suggests that the matter be specially investigated and a report made for the members of the coming constitutional convention.

The commission in its report, which was sent out last night and bore the signatures of all the members—Robert Luce, chairman; Melvin T. Copeland, secretary; James J. Storrow, Edward M. Mcweeney and Francis X. Tyrrell—contains the flat charge that New England dealers and consumers have been discriminated against in the distribution of coal by the mines, because of the desire of the producers to help the railroads with longer and more profitable hauls. But it exempts the dealers in the state in the main from any charge of extortion.

The commissioners agree that there may be some relief to be obtained by the purpose of killing off ugly rumors they suggest that the legislature consider giving the gas and electric light commission charge of the sale of coal and coke, with the right also to compel the dealers to carry fuel in bag cars, to be sold to the poor and at a proportionate price.

Several Dealers Agree  
In this connection the report recites that several dealers have already agreed with the commission to sell coal at a low price per bag to consumers who will bring their own containers and take the coal away from the yards.

The commission agrees absolutely with Atty-Gen. Atwill that the railroads of the whole have brought more coal into the state than during normal years, but they point out that the great bulk of the coal delivered in Boston generally arrives by water. Owing, however, to the increase of water freight rates of 55 cents a ton as compared with last year, and \$1.40 a ton for the coal, the price for bag coal at a low price per bag to consumers has been materially decreased, so the actual total receipts are really below normal.

The specific suggestions for action are made in the report as follows:

1. To supervise the distribution of coal to all consumers in the state.

2. To direct the railroads, in an emergency, to give the right of way to coal.

3. To fix the maximum price at the mines.

Some Recommendations  
To accomplish this the commission advises that the legislature memorialize congress to give power to the proper federal authorities:

(a) To separate effectively the anthracite coal business from control by any railroad.

(b) To secure the prompt return of empty coal cars.

(c) To direct the railroads, in case of emergency, to give the right of way to coal.

(d) To prevent discrimination.

(e) To regulate prices charged by coal companies.

"We advise," the report continues, "that the legislature be asked to consider whether the duties and powers of the board of gas and electric light commissioners may not wisely be extended to supervise and control by license or otherwise the business of buying and selling coal and coke used for domestic purposes."

(f) To determine the reasonableness of prices.

(g) To require gas companies to give preference to single orders for coke of 100 pounds or less and to keep always on hand sufficient supply to fill single orders for coke of 25 pounds or less.

(h) To require coal dealers to sell coal at their yards to consumers in round quantities at substantially the low rate.

(i) To settle complaints of adulteration or quality.

"We advise," the report continues, "that the legislature be asked to provide for an inquiry into the feasibility and desirability of municipal coal pockets, equipped with adequate modern facilities for the storage and handling of coal."

ber, 1914, \$7.75 a ton. The immediate causes for these high prices are the increases in the prices charged by the mining companies, the high freight rates on water-borne coal and the difficulty of securing additional supplies. Underlying these immediate causes are conditions and influences which seem to warrant legislative action.

"A serious aspect of the situation is the domination of the anthracite coal trade by nine large companies, each of which is closely allied or at least in sympathetic operation with the railroad company on whose line it is located. These nine large companies produce about 75 per cent. of the anthracite coal mined in Pennsylvania. Although prices charged by these nine companies have been increased at least 40 cents a ton over the December, 1915, prices, it appears that several of them sell their coal in markets which will best serve the revenues of the railroads to which the coal companies are subsidiary."

At Mercy of Company  
Contrary to usual business practice, the report says, dealers are unable to make contracts. The mines ship coal when they please at current prices. The dealer is at the mercy of the coal company.

"During the last few months some of the mining companies have failed to fill any considerable part of their orders from Massachusetts. Coal retailers have had to pay late-season prices for coal ordered early and many retailers have been driven to buy coal, frequently of poor quality, at high and perhaps exorbitant premiums from merchants and brokers representing the small independent coal mining companies. While some of the large companies refuse to fill orders from Massachusetts on the ground that no cars are available for transportation, there seems to be no serious difficulty in securing cars for 'premium' coal. So far as the coal retailers are concerned, the high prices appear to have brought hardship rather than prosperity to many of them."

"Because of the conditions here summarized, your commission believes that it is not only to the interest of the citizens of Massachusetts, but also for the general welfare of large sections of the United States, that the production and marketing of anthracite coal should be placed entirely under the control or influence of the railroads, which are the initial carriers of the coal. The commission further believes that the ownership of the anthracite coal mines has become so concentrated that public interest requires that the sale and distribution of anthracite coal should be under federal regulation."

Other Causes of Increase  
It is admitted that the increase in coal costs is not entirely due to the coal company policies. Increased labor costs, lack of cars, freight embargoes, and other factors are responsible.

"At the present time," the report says, "there are no railroad embargoes on coal in New England, and coal is now coming at the western gate, and the railroads are not embarking on any expedient to expedite the movement of coal cars. They are using their influence to hold up the movement of coal cars. In the public interest, therefore, the New England railroads have stopped the shipments of coal for the purpose of holding up the movement of coal cars."

"That the high cost burden falls most heavily on the poor is regretted by the commission. The 'coal lot' man is suffering as much as those who purchase by the bag."

Sale of Small Lots  
Poor families, the commission finds, "were paying at the time of \$4.50 or \$5 more a ton than the price for lot coal." This was taken up by the commission, and it announces that "representative coal dealers of Boston are ready to sell coal at a low price per bag to consumers who will bring their own containers and take the coal away from the yards."

The commission believes that the business of buying and selling coal and coke used for domestic purposes should be under state supervision. We have some reason to think that such supervision might not be unwise to the dealers themselves through the relief publicity could gain from the suspensions and criticism inevitable at periods like this. The reputable men making up by far the greater part of the trade, as well as the public at large, would be protected against the unscrupulous."

The night of all nights, Associate, Fr. WATCH SERVICE AT ST. ANNE'S  
A watch service will be held at St. Anne's church Sunday night from 11 to 12 o'clock. Rev. Appleton Francis, pastor, will preach the special choir. The service will be similar to the usual New Year's eve watch.

## GUARDSMEN MAY BE CALLED AGAIN Adj. Gen. Pearson Fears Mass. Men May Have to Return

Says Guard Shoots Nearly as Well as Regulars—Answers Scott

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—More than 9000 Massachusetts National Guardsmen, lately returned from an income tour of policing duty on the Mexican border, may shortly go back to the northern shore of the Rio Grande.

This prediction, made last evening by Adjutant-General Pearson, was incidental to a fervid attack on the officers of the war department, who, the general declared, are compelling strenuous efforts to compel public attention to the program of national compulsory military service with bitter and unwarranted attacks on the citizen soldiery which responded last summer, more than 100,000 strong, to the call for protective service on the country's southern frontier.

"It is an informal outrage," said General Pearson, "to tap an official looking document on his desk and pick it up."

"In view of the criticisms by General Scott as to the practice in the National Guard this is humiliating. Out of a total enlisted strength of only 3416 in the National Guard of Massachusetts 2758, or 73.44 per cent., qualified, as against 24 per cent. for the regular army."

"I hold no brief for the National Guard of Massachusetts," said General Pearson. "But I would like to take any six companies of the Massachusetts Guardsmen and pit them against any six companies of the regular army, some of whose officers seem too intent on discrediting the work of the militia."

It was when he was discussing the efforts of the war department to recruit its forces to a strength where the services of the National Guard would not be required to protect the country's borders that General Pearson returned to the prediction that Massachusetts Guardsmen have not seen the last of their service in the border states.

"Unless the Massachusetts troops do so, who is to relieve the southern Guardsmen who recently relieved the work of the militia?"

Yankee Guardmen, on question with another one, "The border must be protected, certainly. The regular army is not big enough nor strong enough to do it. Luckily any other agency, the country must rely on the National Guard."

"No, I do not see how the Massachusetts troops can be called on to do it. How soon I can not guess, but the other Guardsmen must be relieved before long."

"I am not saying that the National Guard system should be permanently 'quarantined,' said General Pearson. "I believe thoroughly in national compulsory military service. I have ten spoken publicly in favor of it, especially during the last few months."

"Nevertheless, I emphatically object to this destructive criticism of the National Guard until some satisfactory substitute is provided. Until that time and if it will be several years at least before any other plan that is devised can demonstrate its superiority, the National Guard should be upheld."

Lawrence would Annex Part of Methuen  
LAWRENCE, Dec. 28.—With the time drawing near when the time expires for filing bills for action in the state legislature, Mayor Hurley is seriously considering several matters which he desires to have come before the state body. One of these will undoubtedly be an effort to have part of the town of Methuen added to the city which would make Glen Forest park come within the city limits and there would be a bill to authorize the city to borrow money outside the debt limit for the construction of necessary schools.

## MATTERS COMING BEFORE NEXT LEGISLATURE

Special to The Sun  
STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 28.—The perennial contest between textile workers and other members of organized labor over the hours which children between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years may be permitted to work is apparently to be fought out again this winter, representatives of the state branch of the American Federation of Labor having already given notice that they will demand the passage of a law prohibiting such hours a day when the public schools are in session, and compelling their attendance at school during the balance of the ordinary work day—a system commonly known as the English "part-time" system.

Of late years considerable support has been mustered for similar bills, but the representatives from textile cities have always opposed it, basing their opposition on the facts that wages are low in their communities; that the average textile worker has a large family which he cannot alone support; and that employment of the older children generally permits the mother to remain at home and care for the younger children, whereas otherwise she would have to go into the mills each day and deprive all of motherly care.

Workmen's Compensation Act  
Several changes in the workmen's compensation act are to be advocated by organized labor before the next legislature, the most important of which is one which would exclude all private stock insurance companies from writing policies under the act.

The labor leaders will advocate state insurance, but have privately indicated their willingness to compromise upon a single mutual company to do all the business. Their opposition to the stock companies is based upon the argument that the compensation act is a piece of humane legislation, and as such should not be used by any interest for purposes of profit. A mutual company, of course, would do the business at cost.

WALTER COURTNEY GETS LETTER FROM MAYOR  
BOY WHO SAVED ANOTHER'S LIFE IS CONGRATULATED BY CITY'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Mayor O'Donnell sent a letter of congratulation this morning to Master Walter Courtney, 23 School street, who on Christmas day rescued from drowning little Kendall Parker of 15 Lamb street. The mayor also announced that he will write to the Carnegie foundation commission recommending that the coolness and bravery of the 14-year-old boy be recognized and rewarded. Following is Mayor O'Donnell's letter:

December 29, 1916.  
Master Walter Courtney, 23 School St., Lowell, Mass.

My Dear Walter: I am going to call you "Walter" although I never have met you, but I hope to meet you in the near future, and tell you personally what a brave boy you are.

Read about the heroic way in which you rescued the little Parker boy a few days ago, and I felt proud to know that we have such brave boys as you in Lowell. Few men or boys can ever say that they saved the life of another, and hence, you have done something to which you may point with pride and satisfaction when you have grown to be a man.

I know you must be a good boy, for only good boys are brave; they have nothing to fear while they read their good parents and are kind to others. Continue to be a good boy and brave, always heed the counsel of your parents, and when you grow up your fellowmen will love and honor you, and when you go about the city they will point to you and say, "There goes Walter Courtney, a fine man and a good citizen."

Wishing you and all your family a very happy and prosperous New Year, and hoping some day to meet you, I am, Your sincere friend, James E. O'Donnell, Mayor of Lowell.

RECORD ISSUE OF BANK STOCKS  
STOCKHOLM, Dec. 28.—The Stockholm Bank of Commerce has decided upon the issue of 15,500,000 crowns of new stock, increasing its capital from 25,000,000 to 40,500,000 crowns. This is the largest new issue of bank stock that has ever been made in Sweden. The step is dictated by the directors' conviction that all signs point to a tremendously increased business after the war.

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## CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSE IS SUSPENDED

Special to The Sun  
STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 28.—As a result of reports made to it by its inspectors who were sent out to investigate the automobile accident in which William F. Brooks of Lowell was involved December 15, the Massachusetts highway commission has decided that Brooks operated the automobile in an improper manner, and has accordingly suspended his chauffeur's license. Notice has been sent to Brooks that he must return the license in the commission forthwith.

## SUN BREVIITIES

Best Printing, Tobin's, Asso. Bldg.  
Racine Tires, Scherfeldts.  
J. S. Moir, optometrist, Wyman's Ex.  
J. F. Donohoe, 228 Hildreth bldg., real estate and insurance. Telephone.  
Elzear Ledue of Hildreth street will leave Sunday on a five-weeks' trip to Canada.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Theriault of Lyun are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Z. J. B. Lebrun of Bunell street.  
Deposit that Christmas money in The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank Saturday, January 6, is Quarter Day.  
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hamel of Peabody are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hamel of Ludlum street.  
Miss Albina St. Hilaire of Aiken st. and Miss Gracia Brunelle of Moody st. have returned from a pleasant trip to Manchester, N. H.  
Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Bonassia of Lakeview avenue and Napoleon Mayrand will leave Saturday on a pleasure trip to Canada.  
Renri Pagueau of Allen street will leave tomorrow evening for Perthshire, Que., where he will spend a vacation.  
An illustrated lecture on "Life in Canada" was given by Rev. Joseph Denis, O.M.I., of Notre Dame de Lourdes church in Sacred Heart hall, East Pine street last evening. The affair was largely attended and proved very interesting. Stereoscopic scenes of Canadian training camps and historical spots were thrown on the screen while musical numbers were given by Lee Zouaves.

District Attorney-elect Nathan A. Tuttle and his assistants, Messrs. Foster, Harvey and Hoar are making an inspection of the state prison, and all county officers banqueted.  
A dinner was given in the Parker house, Boston, last evening by District Attorney-elect Nathan A. Tuttle to Middlesex county court officers and other officials for the purpose of getting acquainted. About 21 were present. Those included Assistant District Attorney E. W. Foster, Clerk of Court Dillingham, Assistant Clerk Ralph Smith, Probation Officer James P. Ramsey, Sheriff Fairbairn and his deputies.  
IN BOSTON  
The Sun is on sale every day at both news stands at the Union station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

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Bulletin of Instruction  
"We advise that the legislature be asked to provide for the preparation by the board of gas and electric light commissioners, of a simple, concise bulletin in non-technical language, covering the use of gas, electricity, coal, coke, and other fuels for domestic purposes, which shall instruct the people as to their most economical and advantageous methods of use; and that this bulletin shall be published for wide distribution at the public expense."

The report in part reads as follows: "The price of anthracite coal in Boston is now \$9.50 a ton, one year ago the price was \$8 a ton, and in December, 1914, \$7.75 a ton. The immediate causes for these high prices are the increases in the prices charged by the mining companies, the high freight rates on water-borne coal and the difficulty of securing additional supplies. Underlying these immediate causes are conditions and influences which seem to warrant legislative action."

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